



**PATHWAYS
COLLEGE**

Learning skills for a life of independence

Offering young adults
with a disability and
autism a personalised
learning experience for
independent living



PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE



STEPS Pathways College is an intensive education program designed to provide young adults with a disability and autism with the opportunity to further develop the skills needed to experience a life of independence.

We provide a flexible learning environment for our students and offer the opportunity to study as a boarding student living on campus, as a day student, or as part of our interactive, trainer-led online program.

LIVE

Experience independent living in a supported environment.

LEARN

Real life skills for the real world.
Knowledge and skills for an independent future.

LIFE

Graduate from STEPS Pathways College to a life of independence.

Stephanie Patey

Executive Principal
STEPS Pathways College



Welcome to STEPS Pathways College. It's an honour to be the principal and a part of this amazing College.

As the first and only College of its kind in Australia, we provide a holistic and unique educational experience for our students in a co-educational, live-and-learn setting. And while STEPS has been delivering disability support and education for nearly 35 years, we're immensely proud of our College today and our plans for the future. We believe our role is to show our students what's possible and to provide opportunities that help them to find and fulfill their potential.

We also believe that learning takes place everywhere. Beyond providing pathways to the future, we're here to help our students become people who will go on to make meaningful contributions to their community.

I encourage you to visit our beautiful College Campus, and come and meet our committed and professional staff and some of our amazing students. We look forward to welcoming you into our College family.

Carmel Crouch

Managing Director
STEPS Group Australia



Our aim is to encourage each and every student to strive to achieve greatness in their own lives through newfound independence realised at STEPS Pathways College.

Students will learn how to make those important decisions and choices in life that lead to happiness and the attainment of life goals.

While at the college we want our students to grasp every opportunity to learn and grow – be creative, explore, make friends, take extra time to study, ask questions, and be brave.

Skills and experiences gained at STEPS Pathways College will help students create a life of their own design. I look forward to sharing the exciting journey of our students as they embark on their pathway to independence.

STUDY + EXPERIENCE =
brighter future



OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS



LIVE & LEARN ON CAMPUS AS A BOARDING STUDENT

STEPS Pathways College boarding program is a leading model for independent living education and a first of its kind in Australia.

Students boarding at STEPS Pathways College fast-track their journey to independence through a holistic experience that combines simulated independent living in a safe and supported environment with class and community-based learning.

In addition to learning core independent living skills, students take part in pathways to employment through training, work experiences and volunteering. Boarding students live on campus in modern 2 bedroom apartments where they enjoy the privacy of their own bedroom, bathroom and patio, and share a living room, kitchen and outdoor entertainment area as well as a range of on-campus facilities.

Fun, friendships and socialising play a big role in the college environment where students forge lifelong bonds with their college mates.



JOIN OUR DAY PROGRAM

The STEPS Pathways College day program is suited to young adults with a disability and autism wanting to learn skills for independent living in the community, or improving their independent living skills at home.

Day students learn independent living skills in a combined classroom and community setting, practicing their skills hands-on at the college's purpose-built facilities and through regular excursions.

Students also undertake pathways to employment through job skills training, work experience and support to find employment.

Students will attend a minimum 3-day set week – with two attendance options:

Option 1: Mon, Tues, Wed OR Option 2: Wed, Thur, Fri

Research has shown that to achieve success to independence, students need to attend college a minimum of 3 days a week. This will increase student engagement and significantly improve outcomes towards meeting their goals.

An enhanced Curriculum over the 3-day week, offering subjects based upon the identified 10 key areas of learning to students. This will be offered over a 2-year period and see students use knowledge and skills to solve real world problems. It will involve students engaging in meaningful and authentic experiences both in the classroom and in life, to master skills in new ways to make informed choices and decisions in day-to-day life.

Elective subjects will also be offered to students. These are additional to the 3-day week:

- Horticulture skills
- Creative skills
- Cafe skills
- Employment skills

The STEPS Pathways College day program provides lots of opportunities for social interaction and social skills development, friendship building and fun!



INTERACTIVE, TRAINER-LED ONLINE TRAINING

The STEPS Pathways College online program provides young adults with a disability and autism the opportunity to learn skills for independent living in a trainer-led, fun and interactive group setting.

This truly unique online training provides students Australia wide with the chance to learn skills in their own home, either on their own or with the help of their support worker, and gives students who might otherwise be isolated the chance to connect with classmates, socialise online and create great friendships.

Students practice their skills online using technology to move around their home while connected to the trainer and fellow classmates. Lessons like preparing food and cooking are made fun as an interactive group activity where everyone can see each other's progress and celebrate the lesson's achievements together!

Social activities such as class discos are popular with our online students and we find each class develop close friendships, supporting each other on their learning journey.

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STEPS offers the following specialised services:

- Support Coordination
- Specialist Support Coordination
- Cafe and Barista skills training (must enrol in core learning)
- School Leaver Employment Support (SLES)
- Job Skills training
- Short Term Accommodation (STA)
- Supported Independent Living (SIL)
- Group Programs
- In-Home Support



Secure a place in our boarding, day or online
program at STEPS Pathways College.
Scan the QR code below.



**Call us today and start your
journey towards independence**

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