

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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Holistic Development

Personal, emotional and social needs: College Counsellor, School Counsellor, Counsellor, Trainee Counsellor, Guidance Teachers, Personnel at Safe School Programmes, Educational Psychologist, Trainee Educational Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Social Workers, College Prefect of Discipline and Education Health Services.

Career Guidance: College Career Advisors, Career Advisors and Trainee Career Advisors, Career Guidance Teachers, Guidance Teachers



Education Psycho Social Services

Services

Career Guidance Services

Counselling Services

Education Medical Services

Social Worker Services

School Psychological Services

Safe School Programmes for services provided in cases of
Child Abuse, Bullying and Substance Abuse

College Prefect of Discipline

Unit Għożża



Education Psycho Social Services

Operation of Services

SSD

- Career Guidance Teachers
- School Psychological Services
- Safe Schools Programmes
- Education Medical Health
- Principal Social Worker

Colleges

- College Career Advisor
- Trainee Career Advisor
- College Counsellor
- School Counsellor
- Trainee Counsellors
- Prefect of Discipline
- Guidance Teachers
- Social workers
- Youth Workers



Education Psycho Social Services

Special Education Services

Access to Communication and Technology Unit (ACTU)

Autism Spectrum Support Team (ASST)

Teachers for the Hearing Impaired

Teachers for the Visually Impaired

Home tuition

Early Intervention Services

Hospital Classes/YPU

Transition Coordinators

SEBD Specialist Service



Special Education & Resource Centers

ACTU

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Transdisciplinary
Team :
SLP, OT, LSA,
Teacher, Parents

Find the best
Augmentative
and Alternative
Communication
System

Access to
technology
and
curriculum

Most
appropriate
specialized
software



Special Education & Resource Centers

ASST

Mission

It aims to empower educators and parents to meet the individual educational needs of the child with autism, facilitating learning, supporting behavioural and social development and maximising on students abilities in mainstream and resource environment.

Whole school approach

- Family support

- SMT
Class staff
(teachers and LSAs)



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Early Intervention

Resource Workers / **Early intervention** teachers – support children 0-5 who are experiencing developmental, psychological, physical, and learning difficulties

School visits and home visits are provided to children and their families

There is a current process of extension of the Early Intervention Services with three main dimensions

Child

Early identification
Ensure progress in
Learning domains

Family

Support and strengthen
parental skills
Partners in intervention
Family support

Professionals

Training to support
Early care and support
Integrated services



Special Education & Resource Centers

More Support Services

Teachers for the Hearing Impaired support students with a Hearing Impairment in schools and in the home

Teachers for the Visual Impaired support students with a Visual Impairment in schools and in the home

Hospital Classes / Teachers work with students who are undergoing treatment in Hospital

Home Tuition support students due to illness or a medical condition are away from school for a long period of time



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Learning Support Centers

Learning Support Centre Marsa working with students
8-11 in a nurturing environment.

Learning Support Centre Naxxar – for secondary school
aged girls experiencing Social and Emotional Behaviour
Difficulties.

Mater Dei School – for secondary school aged boys
experiencing Social and Emotional Behaviour Difficulties.



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Resource Centers

San Miguel / Primary Education Resource Centre

Guardian Angel / Secondary Education Resource Centre

Helen Keller / Secondary, Young Adult Education Resource
Centre

Dun Manwel Attard / Young Adult Education Resource Centre



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Training

- In service courses in Key Word Signing, First Aid, Visual Classrooms, Autism Awareness, Inclusive Curriculum, lesson planning and resources.
- PECS Training
- Hanen Training
- Team Teach training.
- On going training for Teachers of the Hearing Impaired
- Mobility Training for Teachers of the Visual Impaired.
- Training for Early Intervention Teachers.
- Training in SEBD



Special Education & Resource Centers

Diverse Educational Needs

In All Mainstream School in Malta and Gozo

2965 identified learners

1862 LSAs catering for their needs

13 Inclusion Coordinators (INCOs) supporting the primary sector

13 Trainee Inclusion Coordinators supporting the secondary sector

Data as on Dec 2010

Inclusive Education



Nurture Groups

Presently, there are 9 Nurture Groups in the Primary Schools. These are at:

- St. Gorg Precia College – 1 group
- St. Nicholas College – 2 groups
- St. Margaret College – 3 groups
- St. Theresa College – 1 group
- St. Benedict College – 1 group
- St. Thomas More College – 1 group



Inclusive Education

Learning Support Zones

Presently there are 18 Learning Support Zones in Secondary Schools:

- St. Clare College - 2 LSZs
- St. Gorg Preca – 3 LSZs
- St. Margaret College – 3 LSZs
- St. Theresa College – 1 LSZ
- St. Ignatius College – 3 LSZs
- Maria Regina College - 1 LSZ
- St.Thomas More College– 1 LSZ
- St.Benedict College – 2 LSZs
- Gozo College – 2 LSZs



Inclusive Education

Youth Workers

Presently there are 3 Youth Workers working within the LSZ in 3 Colleges:

- St. Clare College
- St. Margaret College
- St. Theresa College

Unaccompanied Minors

- A teacher was identified to act as transition facilitator
- 11 Students (3 girls, 8 boys) successfully attended Secondary schools this past scholastic year
- Positive feedback from all concerned



Inclusive Education

Training Courses

Since 2006, Student Services department has provided Courses to LSAs and SMTs

Courses to LSA

- Supporting Students with Individual Educational Needs – *a 10 week Attendance Course(70 hours) - 1025*
- Certificate in Education for Learning Support Assistants – *a 20 week Course(140 hours) – 331 finished course, 108 finished lectures*
- *160 starting course in April 2011*

Courses to Heads of School/Assistant Heads of School

- Information course to SMTs re Inclusive Policy
- Open to both State and Church Schools



Inclusive Education

Responsibilities

Student Exchanges

Competitions

Extra Curricular Activities

EU School Fruit Scheme

EU School Milk Subsidy Scheme

School Councils

Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan (HELP)

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School Library Services (SLS)



Projects & Initiatives Section

Thank you

