

**MASS Purpose: To transform the lives of Victorian children and families living with autism**

Mansfield Autism Statewide Services is a registered NDIS provider of Short Term Accommodation. We are registered with the Quality and Safeguards Commission as an implementing provider in delivery of supports to NDIS participants.

**What is the Family Camp?**

**Our Service:** The Family Camp is a unique chance for families to spend time together in a supportive and accepting environment while working towards their NDIS goals. We offer 1:1 short term accommodation for children and young people with autism in a camp environment. Each child with autism is supported by an individual worker for the duration of the camp. Parents and carers have the opportunity to attend autism specific workshops each day. Siblings are supported in groups to spend some time with other children who are living with a brother or sister with autism. Each camp runs from Sunday to Fridays for 5 nights. Camp locations can vary; in 2020 our camps will be held in Harrietville and Mt Evelyn.

**Our Approach:** Using evidence based approaches, we provide the family with much needed training and support while we work towards a participants NDIS goals. All clients are engaged in healthy eating and exercise, daily living activities, self care, emotion regulation and social and communication skill building activities. Our staff use Positive Behaviour Supports and practices when working with our clients.

**Access Criteria:** The Family camp is available to all children across Victoria with a diagnosis of autism, up to the age of 18 years. Family Camps have a limited capacity. For those we are unable to accommodate during the current NDIS plan period, we will confirm in writing when the next family camp dates are available.

**What do our families say?**

*"I was a little apprehensive about coming but the MASS staff made me feel at ease and are so professional. Big tick to our support worker who has been so patient with our child. You have an amazing organisation and should feel very proud".*

**How do families access our Family Camp Program?**

Families require funding under the NDIS Short Term Accommodation category and Improved Daily Living Skills, as per fee schedule below. All families will need to contact MASS and provide a copy of their child's autism diagnosis. We will then arrange a time to meet with the family to conduct an Initial Access Interview. All families will be given a schedule of support and service agreement outlining cost and dates of service.

**Below is the approximate fee is for one child with autism.** Costs for accommodation and food that apply to non-NDIS family members are subsidised by negotiation with MASS.

Family Camp Costs	
Registration Group:	Improved Daily Living Skills- CB
Description:	Training for carers and parents
Support Item Reference Number:	15_038_0117_1_3
Cost per hour:	\$58.52      No. Hours: 12
Registration Group:	Short Term Accommodation
Description:	Short Term Accommodation and assistance, Weekday, 1:1
Support Item Reference Number:	01_058_0115_1_1
Cost per day:	\$1652.94      No. Days: 4
Registration Group:	Short Term Accommodation
Description:	Short term accommodation and assistance, Sunday 1:1
Support Item Reference Number:	01_060_0115_1_1
Cost per day:	\$2631.26      No. Days: 0.5
<b>TOTAL = \$8,629.63</b>	

**2020 Family Camp Dates**

January: 19th Jan to 24th Harrietville  
 Feb: 16th Feb to 21st Feb Harrietville  
 March: 29th – 3rd April Mt Evelyn  
 September 13- 18th Harrietville  
 December: 6th to 11th Mt Evelyn



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