

# Getting a Quality Inclusive Education for your Child: Building an Effective Home-School Partnership

Wednesday 1st November 2017  
Townsville



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## About the workshop

Research clearly shows that inclusive education has strong benefits to students with disability, and access to education in your local school is supported by educational policy and international law. Nevertheless, many families find that pursuing an inclusive education can be challenging.

This workshop will help families to be clear about what inclusion should look like and will discuss the ways parents can build their advocacy and communication skills to achieve an effective partnership with a school.



**Lisa Bridle** works as a Senior Consultant at CRU in the area of Family Leadership development. For 22 years, since her son Sean was born, she has been developing her skills as an advocate, including through 12 years of school inclusion. Lisa believes strongly in the critical role of parent advocacy and the value of inclusion for all.

*Lisa will be joined by a parent and a teacher talking about how to make inclusive education work for your child.*

**Karen Edwards** is a local parent who has sought an inclusive life for her daughter through her primary school years and is now planning transition to high school. She will talk about how she has learnt to draw on a positive vision in her advocacy and planning.

**Loren Swancutt** is Head of Special Education Services at Thuringowa State High School. Her role involves the leadership and management of inclusive education experiences for all students, and the facilitation of inclusive interactions with families. Loren is also the appointed National Convenor of the School Inclusion Network for Educators (SINE) which operates under the banner of All Means All - The Australian Alliance for Inclusive Education.

## The workshop will address:

- What does an inclusive school & classroom look like?
- The evidence for inclusive education
- What helps make school inclusion successful?
- The role of parents in building a strong partnership with schools
- Dealing with challenges
- Advocacy skills and strategies

## Who should attend?

This workshop is open to all **families** seeking an inclusive education for their child.

It will be relevant to those with children in regular school, and those wanting to enrol their child in the local school.

**Date:** Wednesday 1st  
November

**Time:** 9.30am – 2.30pm  
(register from 9am)

**Venue:** Seagulls Resort  
74 The Esplanade,  
Belgian Gardens,  
Townsville

**Cost:** \$30 Family Members  
(This rate is subsidised)

**RSVP:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Register via:

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