

## Sara Cohen Specialist School – Base and Satellite Provision

Sara Cohen School forms part of the network of specialist schools in New Zealand. These schools deliver quality education to students aged 5–21 who have a diverse range of special learning needs.

Sara Cohen School also forms part of a community of local primary and secondary schools. Many of these schools use our **Specialist Teacher Outreach Service (STOS)** to provide the teaching hours portion of programmes funded by the Ministry of Education’s Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS). Sara Cohen School is recognised as a **centre of excellence** and is always seeking to expand our partnerships with mainstream schools.

Sara Cohen School has a mutually beneficial relationship with the two Dunedin schools where we have satellite classes: **Concord School** hosts our junior class and **Bathgate**

**Park School** hosts our intermediate class.

On an individual level, each Sara Cohen School student has a detailed collaborative learning plan (CLP) crafted with input from students, parents/carers, and teachers. Student voice is heard and is essential when setting goals. Every student follows a daily programme tailored to meet their needs, working on the goals identified in their CLP. These goals, and progress towards them is documented in each student’s Individualised Learning Pathway using evidence gathered by teachers through Narrative Assessment and Overall Teacher Judgement.



### Primary Education Satellite Provision

Sara Cohen's satellite classes at **Concord School** (years 1 to year 6) , and **Bathgate Park School** ( Years 5 -8) enable students to be involved in learning within their own classroom, enhanced by timetabled activities in regular classes tailored to the needs and abilities of the individual student.

### Senior School at Base

Our Base School on **Rutherford Street** provides a safe and relaxed environment. Classes cater for senior students of varying age and ability, concentrating on developing functional skills in literacy, numeracy and communication as well as community access, work experience and transition into life beyond school in authentic settings.

We provide many varied opportunities for community involvement and work experience. Students develop skills to help them access recreation and leisure pursuits independently or with support.

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## Mission Statement

**“To enable our students to be successful lifetime learners actively involved in their community”**

## Values

At Sara Cohen School, we

**Recognise** the Key Competencies of the New Zealand Curriculum along with objectives within the New Zealand Disability Strategy, in line with the Treaty of Waitangi, as a focus for teaching and learning,

**Celebrate** difference and diversity,

**Model** respect and care of all students and staff,

**Support** professional growth which fosters the delivery of innovative and effective learning programmes and

**Create** opportunities to promote inclusion.

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## OUR VISION:

At Sara Cohen Specialist School,

We promote student independence by helping students develop the skills they need to live in an inclusive community.

## Sara Cohen School

Excellence in education for students with diverse learning needs.

