



# TRAVANCORE SCHOOL

## BANKSIA EDUCATION PROGRAM

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

While your child is a consumer of the Banksia Ward at the Royal Children's Hospital, they will be provided with Education Support from the Travancore School.

#### **Who are we?**

Travancore School is a Department of Education school that works in partnership with Royal Children's Mental Health and Orygen.

**Program/Team:** The Banksia Education team supports the educational needs of young people (aged 13-18 years) who are inpatients of the Banksia Ward at the Royal Children's Hospital.

Students are encouraged to engage with learning during their admission by participating in an inclusive classroom program, which may include completing independent school work. Key Teachers work collaboratively with students, schools, the Banksia care team, community organisations and parents/carers to support the individual needs of students during periods of acute mental ill health.

#### **Educational Purpose:**

Our purpose as teachers at the Travancore School is to create a safe, engaging and mindful learning space and provide opportunities to build and maintain positive experiences and connections with schooling.

#### **Education Support:**

May include one or more of the following:

- Classroom program (runs daily 11-3:30pm in the Travancore School Classroom, co-located within the Banksia Ward)
- Educational information gathering and assessment from the student
- 1:1 educational support
- Goal-setting, return to school planning and transition support
- Discussing your child's needs with RCH care team and school staff
- Accessing relevant information in your child's RCH/school file
- Consulting with other supporting agencies
- Attending school meetings
- Providing information, recommendations and resources to school staff

### TRAVANCORE SCHOOL TEACHERS

A key teacher is allocated to provide one or more of the supports listed above to your child during their admission at Banksia. Please note that other Travancore School staff may also provide education support to your child.

#### **Information Sharing**

The Travancore School can share information without consent under the Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS) to promote the wellbeing or safety of a child. <https://www.vic.gov.au/child-information-sharing-professionals>

## ***Privacy & Confidentiality***

Educational support is confidential and the Travancore School is committed to protecting information that we collect. The school's management of 'personal information' and 'health information' is governed by Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and Health Records Act 2001, and complies with the Data Sharing Act (2017). The school uses Compass & Electronic Medical Records (EMR) as a platform to store student data.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Banksia Education Program and /or the Education Support provided to your child please don't hesitate to contact the Banksia Team Leader on ph) 9345 9614 or Travancore School on [travancore.sch@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:travancore.sch@education.vic.gov.au).