

Bullet Pointed Summary of Allied Health in School Policy

At Giant Steps Tasmania, the Response to Intervention (RTI) model is used to meet students' academic and behavioural goals.

The following are the essential components of this model:

- *High-quality classroom instruction*
- *Ongoing student assessment*
- *Tiered instruction*
- *Parental involvement*

At the start of each term, Allied Health Professionals meet with the Principal (or their designate) to finalise which students will be receiving which tier of intervention. Interventions do not commence until this meeting has taken place.

There are 3 Tiers of intervention:

Tier 1: High-Quality Classroom Instruction

Within Tier 1, all students receive high-quality, instruction provided by qualified personnel. All students are assessed on a periodic basis to establish an academic and behavioural baseline and to identify learners who need additional support. Allied Health Professionals are involved in informing therapeutic Tier 1 Classroom instruction. This includes giving training to teachers, aides and parents/ carers.

Tier 2: Targeted Interventions

Students needing a little more help to reach their goals are provided with increasingly intensive instruction matched to their needs. Intensity varies across group size, frequency and the duration of the intervention. These services and interventions are provided in small-group settings and are additional to instruction in the general curriculum. At Giant Steps, Allied Health Professionals work with students in small groups to deliver Tier 2 interventions.

Tier 3: Intensive Interventions (available to students attending at least 3 days a week)

Students whose needs are more extensive are then considered for more intensive interventions. These services and interventions are additional to instruction in the general curriculum. At this level, students receive individualised, intensive interventions that target their particular needs. At Giant Steps, Allied Health Professionals work with students 1:1 to deliver Tier 3 interventions.