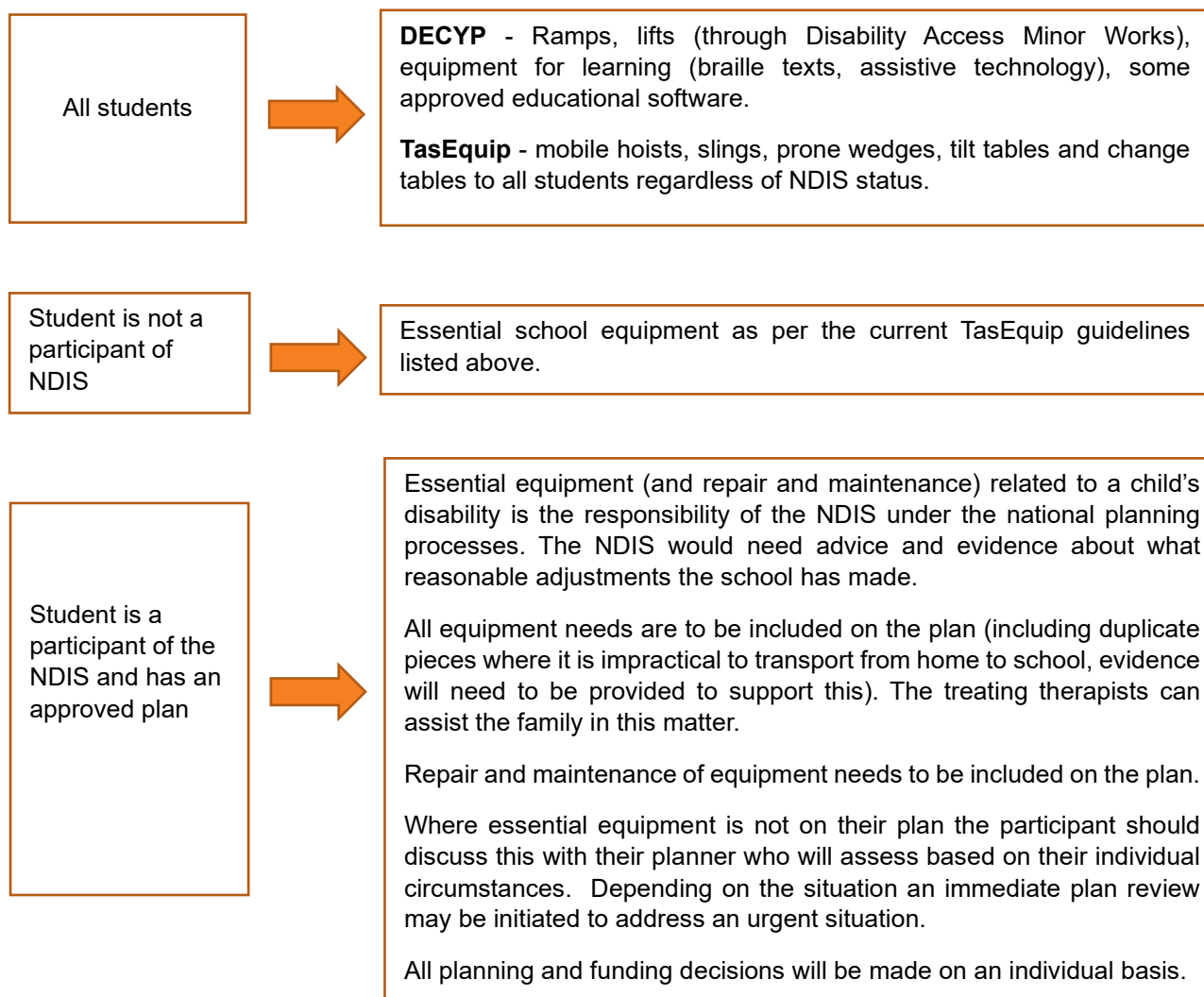


Student Equipment Needs in Tasmanian Government Schools

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), TasEquip and the Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP)

Students with disabilities may require specific equipment related to their disability at school. This may include items such as wheelchairs, ramps, hoists, commodes, specialist seating etc. This information sheet is to assist in ensuring that each student has access to the equipment their therapists recommend and outlines the source of the equipment prescribed to the child or young person.



All services recognise that conditions change for children and young people very rapidly and that systems need to be flexible to cater for this. If a NDIS plan has omitted the full equipment needs of the child a review can be undertaken if the participant requests this of their planner. The NDIS has capacity to cater for urgent review requests due to safety or clinical need. (NDIS 1800 800 110) (TasEquip 6166 7393)

Roles and responsibilities

School Teams:

- Liaise with the students' therapist regarding equipment needs at school, taking into consideration the size of the piece, the possibility of sharing equipment (eg change tables) to minimise duplication on campus, staff OH&S requirements etc. The Inclusion and Access Coordinator in your area can assist with this work, contact can be made by via disabilityprograms@decyp.tas.gov.au
- Facilitate training in Manual Handling and support the use of Manual Handling Plans as required.
- Ensure all equipment is regularly cleaned (as per the instructions attached to the item), inspected and test and tagged whilst at the school.
- Contact TasEquip with any concerns (including repair and maintenance) of any TasEquip equipment.
- When equipment is no longer required, notify TasEquip to arrange collection. Please ensure equipment is cleaned prior to transport. If equipment is being relocated to another school contact TasEquip to arrange transfer.

TasEquip:

- Provide equipment on receipt of appropriate paperwork from authorised prescribers (usually treating therapists).
- Ensure all equipment is clean and safe for use (including test and tagged) prior to delivery.
- Arrange collection when notified by the school that the equipment is no longer required. It is essential that all equipment is complete and clean when returned.
- Will provide ongoing support including repair/maintenance of TasEquip Equipment.
- Check and maintain equipment as part of any relocation of equipment between schools.

Contact: tel.tasequip@ths.tas.gov.au, ph: 6166 7393

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS):

- Equipment purchased via an NDIS plan is owned by the Participant regardless of where it is located and/or used.
- Most equipment funded in an NDIS plan will require quoting and acceptance of the quote by NDIS prior to the item being available for purchase.
- If a Participant's circumstances change significantly the Participant needs to contact NDIS and request a review. NDIS will advise the Participant of the outcome of the request for review and progress.
- Some equipment funded via NDIS will require a specialist allied health assessment report to provide details of the equipment required and clinical advice. After assessment is completed, some equipment will require a trial to ensure it is appropriate for the Participant and their support needs.
- NDIA will liaise with the Participant directly in relation to equipment funded via NDIS.

Contact Ph: 1800 800 110