

# Down Syndrome Society of South Australia Inc

## Help kids with Down syndrome achieve their potential!

The Down Syndrome Society of South Australia invites your school to participate in *Dress Down Day*, an event to raise awareness of Down Syndrome within South Australian schools whilst raising much needed funds to support our programs.

To participate in *Dress Down Day* students wear casual clothes and are encouraged to donate a gold coin for this 'privilege'. While you can hold your event at anytime of the year, we recommend you consider holding your day during the weeks of the 16<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009 as World Down Syndrome Day is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## What does the Society do?

The Down Syndrome Society provides a broad range of programs aimed at enriching the lives of people with Down Syndrome, including an Education Consultancy Service to all schools who have an enrolled student with Down syndrome. Internationally, the Society is considered a 'centre of excellence' in the development and provision of educational programs and resources that reflect best practice in the field of education and students with disabilities. We are proud to share the following comments about our services:

### ...about our peer awareness sessions

*Thank you for being part of the Disability Awareness Focus at our school. Feedback indicates that your sessions were highly successful and enjoyable. Importantly your presentation reached 12 classes enabling many more young people to understand, tolerate and be aware of differences.*

### ...about our Consultancy Service

*I work with a fairly high functioning nearly 10 year old girl who is included in a year 3/4 classroom, is doing very well, but I certainly learnt that she has the potential to go along in leaps and bounds if given the opportunities and am looking forward to the challenge to help her achieve.*

### ...from a mother of a 11 year old boy

*The road ahead seems slightly daunting, but I have so many great ideas to work towards because of these lectures. Thank you again for keeping the dream alive, not only for my son, but for parents as well.*



Member of



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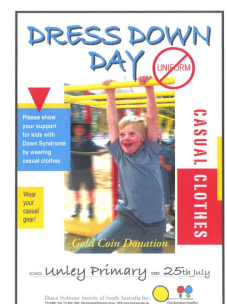
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## What is Down syndrome?

Down syndrome is a congenital chromosomal condition and is the most common cause of intellectual disability in Australia.



## What will the money raised be used for?

The money raised through this statewide event will enable further development of 'cutting edge' resources and programs including:

- A specialist tutoring service for students with Down syndrome and intellectual disability
- Life Education Resource Kits that will include ready-made lesson plans, worksheets, activities and assessment tools. This will support the development of money management, health and personal development, functional literacy and numeracy, independent living skills.

## How to administer your school's 'Dress Down Day'

The Down Syndrome Society will support your school by providing a number of colourful posters to be displayed throughout the school leading up to and on Dress Down Day. These can be provided as hard copies or as a softcopy for your school to print.

All monies raised can be transferred directly into the Down Syndrome Society's bank account: CBA BSB: 06 5112 A/c no.:1001028. Alternatively we accept cheques made payable to the Down Syndrome Society of South Australia Inc.

The Down Syndrome Society would greatly appreciate participation by your school. Could you please complete and sign the attached form if your school is prepared to participate.

Thank you for ...*enriching the lives of people with Down syndrome.*

Yours sincerely,

*V.A. Brown*

Vicki Brown  
Executive Director

PS Don't forget to visit our website, [www.downssa.asn.au](http://www.downssa.asn.au), for more information on the services offered by the Down Syndrome Society.

## Who are we?

*The Down Syndrome Society is a not-for profit association. It's primary mission is to promote and/or provide specific programs, services and resources which improve the health and well-being, education, personal development, employment opportunities, and recreational and lifestyle options of people with Down syndrome.*

