

Workshops and Presentations for Teaching Staff



Rocky Bay can provide presentations or workshops to teaching staff on a variety of topics, such as sensory processing, emotional regulation, behaviour or complex communication.

Workshops/presentations include:

SWAY – Sensory World Around You

Sensory Breaks versus Rewards

Zones of Regulation

Milo humanoid robot/social communication skills for students with ASD with limited speech

Alternative and Augmented Communication (AAC)

Supporting students with complex communication needs (AAC)

Customised workshops

■ SWAY – Sensory World Around You

Sensory processing refers to all the information we receive through our senses from the world around us.

Our senses help us to understand our bodies, actions and the environment we live in. It is important to understand how we process sensory information and how this can affect our responses. We require sensory input to participate in everyday activities.

This 3 hour workshop will provide school staff with guidelines that can be incorporated into classrooms to support students with sensory processing challenges.

Cost of the workshop is \$880.00 plus travel fee (where required) for up to 15 participants per school.

SWAY is relevant for students of all ages who are experiencing difficulties with self-regulation.

■ Sensory Breaks versus Rewards

This workshop explores the difference between behaviour versus sensory needs and how to appropriately respond.

This 1.5 hour presentation will assist school staff to determine when a reward or sensory break should be given; what sensory break/reward is appropriate and what is the right “fit” for the break or reward for the student. It will include a student case study to better understand how to put these skills into practice.

This workshop requires participants to have a good understanding of sensory processing so prior attendance at our SWAY workshop is highly recommended.

Cost of the workshop is \$487.50 plus travel fee (where required) for up to 15 participants per school.

■ Zones of Regulation

Created by Leah M Kuypers – an OT who worked with children with ASD in schools and who collaborated with ‘Social Thinking’ legend, Michelle Garcia Winner. This approach helps children to self-identify, both visually and verbally, what’s going on in their brain and body (emotions, sensory, thoughts). It teaches them to learn self-calming techniques, sensory strategies and thinking strategies.

This 1.5 hour presentation will provide school staff with an overview of how to support students of all ages and abilities to identify their emotions and develop self-calming strategies. Schools purchase a book with the curriculum which is \$43USD available at <https://www.socialthinking.com/Products/zones-of-regulation-curriculum>

Cost of the workshop is \$487.50 plus travel fee (where required) for up to 15 participants per school.

■ Milo humanoid robot/social communication skills for students with ASD with limited speech

This workshop explores social communication as a developmental skill by unpacking and understanding the subcomponent skills involved (e.g. Theory of Mind, joint attention skills). Effective strategies for supporting students with ASD who have limited speech (attending primary school or high school) will be presented.

This 3 hour workshop will provide school staff with practical ways to support social communication development of students with ASD, who have limited speech, through peer modelling and video analysis (e.g. Milo the humanoid robot) and other intervention approaches (e.g. social scripting, video feedback, AAC).

Cost of the workshop is \$880.00 plus travel fee (where required) for up to 15 participants per school.

Alternative and Augmented Communication (AAC)

We offer a range of workshops that focus specifically on various forms of AAC systems (such as Touch Chat, Proloquo2Go, LAMP Words

for Life etc.) to enhance the ability of teaching staff to support students to use these tools effectively at school.

This 2 hour workshop (per system) will cover practical applications such as how to locate words, complete basic editing and using the device successfully within the classroom.

Cost of the workshop is \$585.00 plus travel fee (where required) for up to 15 participants per school.

■ Supporting students with complex communication needs (AAC)

Tech Talkers for Teachers

Students using AAC systems rely on their communication partners, such as teaching staff and peers, to understand their method of communication and to support them to use it successfully. Without this understanding and support, we often see AAC systems being left in bags or abandoned, leaving the student unable to effectively communicate.

Tech Talkers for Teachers is a 5 hour workshop that aims to support school staff to become effective communication partners. It provides evidence based strategies and engaging activities that can be used in the classroom to promote the use of AAC.

Cost of the workshop is \$1270.00 plus travel fee (where required) for up to 10 participants per school.

■ Customised workshops

Rocky Bay can customise a workshop to meet the needs of your school and we encourage you to speak with the Rocky Bay Team Leader in your area to book a session.

A Rocky Bay representative can also attend parent events, such as coffee mornings and expos to provide short presentations on a range of topics.

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