



**Webinar 16: Pedagogical Approaches to help Children with Autism  
Thrive in the Classroom  
Series 2 of 2**

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As a special educator, Cathy has significant experience teaching students with autism within specialist and mainstream educational settings and leading diverse teams. Cathy has previously been involved in Autism Cooperative Research Centre Research projects within the School Years stream.

Cathy, as the principal of Autism Qld School, currently leads an interdisciplinary team of teachers, teacher aides, therapists, wellbeing facilitators, behaviour support facilitators, and other ancillary staff. The Autism Qld School supports autistic students from prep to senior schooling in full time and part time (via shared enrolment) enrolments with the aim of increasing engagement and curriculum access for students. The school's philosophy is that we believe autistic individuals can be successful learners when provided with evidence-informed, educational adjustments in a differentiated, inclusive, and supportive environment.

Autism Queensland (AQ) School is an accredited, independent school and comprises three Education and Therapy Centres located in Brisbane at Brighton and Sunnybank Hills and in Cairns at Edmonton.