

Blended NATIONAL

Transforming education
for vulnerable learners
across Australia



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Welcome to BlendED National

BlendED National builds on the success of BlendED Victoria, offering a relationship-based, inclusive, and flexible online-first learning environment for vulnerable learners across Australia. Our mission is to create a safe and supportive space for children and young people who have not been able to access education in a physical school setting.

Why BlendED National?

BlendED National exists to serve children and young people for whom physical schooling is no longer a viable option – not by preference, but by necessity. These are vulnerable learners who have often attempted several different school environments, including mainstream and flexible settings, before their engagement with education has become significantly disrupted.

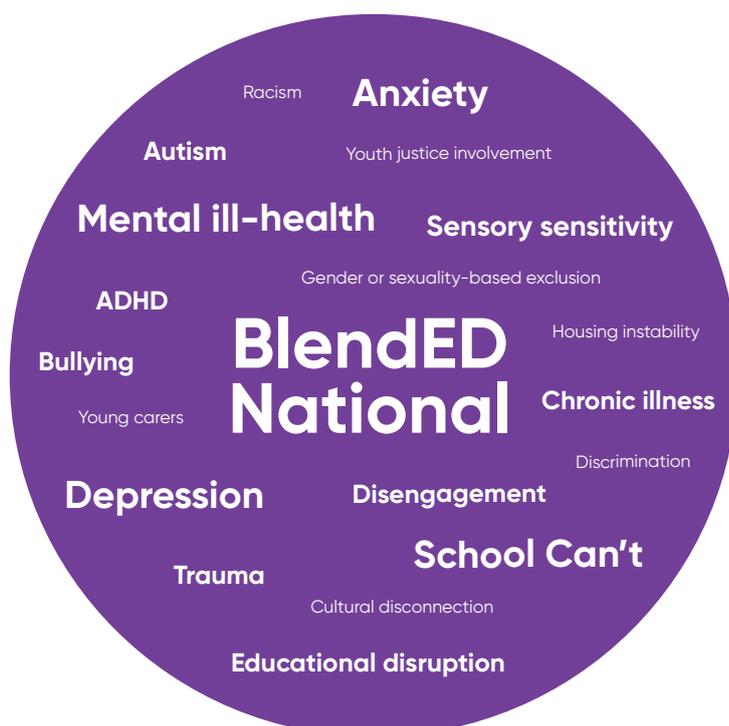
Many of these young people face complex and often compounding barriers that make attending a physical school site unsustainable. Their lived experiences may include:

- Mental ill-health, including anxiety, depression and trauma
- Discrimination, bullying or racism
- Social exclusion or ostracisation from school communities

In many cases, these children and young people are under the care of psycho-social, clinical, or medical professionals, such as mental health specialists, social workers, or child protection workers.

BlendED National provides a safe, flexible, and trauma-informed online learning environment, where education is reimagined to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of those for whom no other option has worked.

Who BlendED Supports



Our Program Design

BlendED National is a full-time online school for children and young people in Years 7–10 who require an alternative to physical schooling due to complex needs. The program will gradually expand to include primary and senior secondary education.

Learning is delivered through a mix of live and self-paced online sessions, with each young person supported by:

- ✓ Qualified teachers and wellbeing staff
- ✓ Live and self-paced learning activities
- ✓ Individual learning plans tailored to each learner
- ✓ Youth worker outreach and regular small-group gatherings
- ✓ One-on-one online support
- ✓ A guided induction to help with transition to online learning
- ✓ Ongoing communication with families and carers

Our model combines evidence-based teaching practices with strong wraparound wellbeing support, helping young people reconnect with learning and achieve their goals.



A Whole-Learner Approach

BlendED National supports the whole learner – academically, socially and emotionally. The program is underpinned by trauma-informed, relationship-based practice, and draws on the science of learning to engage, motivate and support memory, particularly for students with disrupted educational experiences.

Our approach combines inclusive teaching strategies, wellbeing programs, and a focus on positive engagement. Together, these create a flexible and high-quality learning experience for children and young people who have been unable to thrive in traditional settings.

Curriculum and Standards

BlendED National delivers the Australian Curriculum across core learning areas and capabilities. The program includes core academic subjects, digital literacy, collaborative learning, and career education – ensuring young people are well prepared for further learning, training, or employment.

Identity and Mission

BlendED National is an initiative grounded in the Edmund Rice tradition. Guided by the EREA Touchstones – Liberating Education, Gospel Spirituality, Inclusive Community and Justice and Solidarity – we are committed to creating radically inclusive learning communities where every child and young person is known, valued and supported.

Supporting Young People to Succeed

- ✓ No school fees
- ✓ Access to a device
- ✓ Trauma-informed, relationship-based model
- ✓ Flexible, inclusive learning
- ✓ Personalised Learning Plans
- ✓ Wellbeing and outreach support
- ✓ Pathways to further education, training or employment
- ✓ Nationally recognised curriculum

Operation by Principles

We advocate for young people to experience liberation in their own lives through consultative and common ground experiences, with a strong commitment to their voice in decisions that affect them.

This culture is fostered through our Operation by Principles framework, which shapes all interactions and decisions in our community. The four principles – Respect, Honesty, Participation and Safe and Legal – provide a consistent, relational foundation that promotes safety, belonging and accountability.



Governance and Local Leadership

BlendED National will operate as registered special assistance schools under Edmund Rice Education Australia BlendED National Ltd. Each state will have its own dedicated Principal, ensuring that the program is responsive to the local context and the needs of children and young people in that community.

Contact Us

If you are a family, school, or service looking to learn more about **BlendED National**, we invite you to reach out:

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