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“When we heard about Back on Track WA, we couldn’t believe our luck. We were right in the middle of trying to get our little one back into School after treatment, and we had no idea how to do that. With our advocate supporting us every step of the way, the transition became less daunting for our daughter.”

-- Mum of Heather, aged 7

“I still see the effects of missed experiences from Logan’s early formative years. Whether it was staying home, isolation, lost friendships, and loneliness, his health came first, and everything else followed.”

-- Mum of Logan, aged 10



EDUCATION

SUPPORT FOR KIDS WITH CANCER

**WHEN A CHILD SURVIVES CANCER,
THEIR HOPES AND DREAMS
DESERVE TO SURVIVE TOO.**



WHAT IS BACK ON TRACK WA?

A first of its kind in WA, the Back on Track WA initiative will ensure children who go through cancer treatment do not fall through the cracks with their education due to the enormous strain treatment can have.

Back on Track WA works collaboratively with schools, families, friends and medical teams. The tailored program will ensure children can maintain and return to their education post-treatment and beyond, an opportunity we believe every child deserves.

The initiative will see specialist educators assigned to a child diagnosed with cancer at any point in their educational journey. We have seen children requiring our services well into survivorship. BOTWA tailor services, including tutoring, mentoring and advocating with hospitals and schools. The educator will support the child, parents, siblings, classmates, and classroom teachers throughout the journey, offering guidance upon the often-daunting return to the classroom.

We will be there for your child and family for their entire educational journey. We will be available for as long as you need us, all the way to their University graduation if they want!

WHY BACK ON TRACK WA?

● Staying Connected to School Life

Keeping our children connected to their 'normal' lives is vital in maintaining their desire to continue their learning journey and return to it easily. The benefit of having an Educational Advocate means that one person can liaise with all parties – schools, teachers, family, and the hospital, facilitating all aspects of education communication and delivery of work.

● Friends & Family Connections

When children are absent from classroom life for extended periods, it can be hard to retain a sense of connection with their peers. In addition to providing education for your child, the advocate will support and enhance relationships to reduce the social anxiety of re-entry to the classroom. Additionally, all education support extends to siblings as they too are affected by a child cancer diagnosis in the family.

● School Communications

Back On Track WA advocates aim to act as a liaison between the family, the School, and the hospital to assist the student's School to:

- meet the duty of care for the student
- advise on curriculum modifications and accommodations required
- advocate with for OT services required for student's return to School

● Schoolwork

Back On Track WA advocates assist the student by working with their School to ensure that, where possible, they can work on the same activities as their classmates. Working within an empowerment model, the advocates do not determine the curriculum but facilitate, adapt and assist in completing work as set by the classroom teacher.

● Transitioning back to School and into their futures

Back On Track WA advocates will assist in all aspects of the return to regular school attendance. We do not stop there; our program will be available to the child and their siblings for their entire educational journey!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Referrals

Students can be referred to the Back On Track WA Program at the point of diagnosis, after treatment, or beyond into survivorship.

Who Can Refer?

They can be referred by their Oncology Team, their teacher or School, medical professionals, and parents.

Consent

After receiving a referral, our advocates will contact parents to set an appointment to explain the Back On Track WA program to everyone in the family. Part of the process is to seek the child's consent, where age-appropriate, to join the program.

School Engagement

Once the parent and child's consent has been given, the Back On Track WA advocates will contact the student's School to explain how the program works for the School and the family and its potential benefits and encourage the School's participation. Attending the School is vital to build an Individual Education Support Plan to assist in creating educational support strategies.

Transitioning Back on Track

When the student is ready to return to their regular school routine, the Back On Track WA advocate will work with all stakeholders to ensure the transition back to School is easy and comfortable. The goal is advocacy to ensure the School's capacity to provide appropriate educational, emotional, and social support to the returning student.

We are always there for our students!

