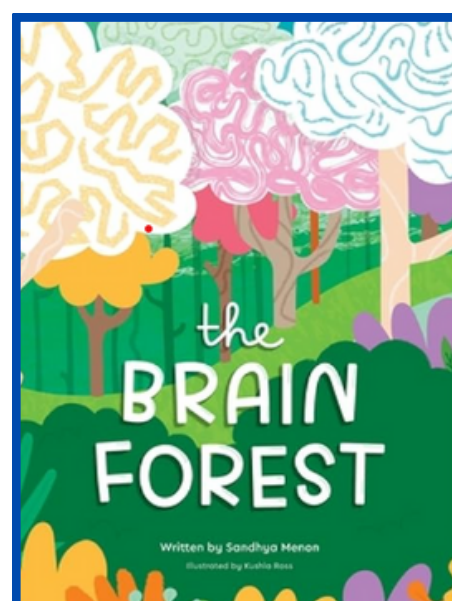


## Specialist Disability Support in Schools – Update

Reminder – Student eligibility requirements have once again changed, **allowing students receiving supplementary adjustments to be eligible for SDSS services**. If you have a student receiving supplementary adjustments that you believe would benefit from our services, please complete the updated student request form sent out on the 4th of March. Please send request form to [shelley.oneil@gbss.org.au](mailto:shelley.oneil@gbss.org.au) for Term 2 prioritisation by the **COB Monday 25.03.24**.

### Therapy Support Spotlight in Schools

In collaboration with Broadwater SS's Ainsley McErvale, our dedicated speech therapist, Liz Cowley, is embarking on an exciting journey, utilising the innovative **Brain Forest** book to enrich the learning experiences and appreciation of diversity for students. Through tailored exercises and engaging activities featured in the book and created by our therapy team, Liz and Ainsley aim to address various challenges among students while fostering a deeper connection with literature and diversity. By integrating the **Brain Forest** book into whole class sessions, students not only enhance their communication, but continue to develop a love of storytelling. This collaboration between our therapist and school underscores a commitment to holistic education, nurturing both academic and personal growth.



### Model of Service Delivery

The implementation of the new SDSS model of service delivery marks an exciting chapter in enhancing effectiveness and efficiency at GBSS and how we ensure that we cater to the support requirements of the students and schools in our cluster. The Model of Service Delivery has been emailed alongside this newsletter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at [shelley.oneil@gbss.org.au](mailto:shelley.oneil@gbss.org.au)

### Professional Development Opportunities

#### GBSS – SDSS Term 2 Workshop: RESCHEDULED from Term 1

- Week 3 (03/05) @ 3:45pm – 'Ask the Therapists'
- FREE workshops – Open to all teachers and teacher aides
- Including three Fast Facts sessions from our OT, SLP and Physio
- Bring your questions, queries and concerns and ask the experts!

#### Other PD of interest:

- FREE Illume Learning Inclusive Education Schooling – Online
- 27 – 28 March – Event by Illume Learning

