

Social Work in Schools FAQs

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Social Work in Schools (SWiS)

The University of New England (UNE) is establishing Social Work field education placements in NSW schools. Students can engage with students & staff in helping increase childrens' & young peoples' well-being, toward better educational outcomes.

Frequently asked Questions about Social Work in Schools

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What year of study are the students in?

Bachelor students (4 year course) will be in year 3 & 4. Masters students (2 year course) will be in year 1 & 2.

How long are the placements?

Social Work placements are calculated on hours and range from 450 to 550 hours dependent upon the student's course.

Who supervises students?

An external qualified social worker will supervise the students for 1.5 hours per full-time week. A school member, preferably part of the wellbeing team, will be the student's task supervisor orienting the student to the school, and be a 'go to' person.

What areas can students work in?

Students can work in face-to-face situations with students for wellbeing strategies and support, facilitating groups for social & support for identified issues, and projects to support the school in fostering positive wellbeing. Together helping toward better education outcomes, build school community and well-being.

Where do students stay?

Accommodation is a barrier for some students, however some schools have offered to assist with accommodation costs through teacher housing. Can your school assist with this?

What does the school need to supply?

Schools are asked to supply a functioning workstation, computer, access to DEC and school online systems. Students require the access of a room in which confidentiality is upheld.

What support is there from UNE?

UNE is committed to offering quality placement experiences to both our students and schools. Our staff supports the student right through the placement process. A qualified Social Worker will contact the student each week. An academic liaison staff member will also contact the student regularly.

How do we find out more about a SWiS placement?

By contacting the UNE Social Work Field Education Office: by email sw-field@une.edu.au

: by phone (02) 6773 3722