



# GO BLUE FOR AUTISM

**Autism is a complex lifelong developmental disability which can cause differences in communication, interacting with others and experiences in everyday situations.**

Although incredibly variable, a person on the autism spectrum may demonstrate:

- Strength in areas such as attention to detail, patience, technology skills, logic skills or they could have greater memory for particular information
- Strong passion for interests, and intense focus on particular objects and topics
- Challenges with back and forth conversations, and knowing when and how to join conversations
- Challenges with developing, maintaining and understanding relationships with other people
- Challenges with using and understanding non-verbal communication such as gestures and eye contact
- Challenges coping with change and unexpected events
- Repetitive behaviours
- Challenges tolerating certain sensations or fascinations with certain sensations such as sounds, textures and smells



**No two people on the spectrum are the same – each person has their own way of seeing the world, which makes them interesting and unique.**

**Approx. 205,200 Australians have autism**

**More males than females are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder**

\* 2018 Survey of Disability of Ageing and Carers (SDAC), Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2019.

**The cause of autism is not fully understood, however structured early intervention, therapy and education delivered by professionals with expertise in autism can make a significant difference.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Autism affects around **1 - 2 people in every 100**, and is more commonly diagnosed in children than adults.



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