



Establishing a school-based system

Eight key elements:

1. Using **a whole school approach** to mental health promotion and suicide prevention), **a school case management (SCM) team or equivalent** is established
2. Establishment of the SCM team requires the **strong support of the school executive** and school community in general
3. SCM team is responsible for **collaboratively devising an integrated action plan** for individual students with support needs.
4. **Membership of the SCM team** will vary according to the main support needs of the school student population and individual students, and available resources



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5. Ideally, **the SCM team should constitute** a school administrator; a student services/pastoral care staff member; the school psychologist/counsellor and other allied health services
6. **Roles and responsibilities** of the members of the SCM team should be determined, clearly understood, and communicated to the school community
7. The SCM team should develop a **shared vision**
8. The SCM team needs to be **adequately resourced**.