



I need a surrogate – what's next?



Surrogacy Australia's Support Service (SASS) is designed to introduce Australian surrogates to Intended Parents (IPs) who have similar expectations, without the awkwardness and competition of social media. SASS supports those well-suited teams over their surrogacy journeys with inbuilt counselling, mentoring and expenses management.

BENEFITS FOR INTENDED PARENTS

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| Suitability | Increases your chances of locating a surrogate who you get on with and will stay friends with |
| Screened | All surrogates are pre-screened as medically and psychologically suitable |
| Management | Provides you with customized education and mentoring to help manage your expectations and financial planning |
| Private & Confidential | No need to put your story on social media and sell yourselves to potential surrogates. Your name and contact details are not released to any surrogate until they want to meet |
| Support | Provides professional support not currently available to assist in a lengthy process |
| Finances | Ensures your surrogacy expenses are managed smoothly, minimizing tension and the need for back-and-forth |

BENEFITS FOR SURROGATES

SASS is extremely beneficial for surrogates as it provides mentors, peace of mind, communication assistance, financial safety, counselling and introduces surrogates to the right IPs.

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Whether your team has known each other for a few months or many years, SASS can guide and support you through your surrogacy journey.

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| Dedicated support | All Intended Parents (IPs) & surrogates are buddied up with their own Mentor who is someone with first-hand surrogacy experience. They can help you navigate your surrogacy journey, have been where you are now and are on hand to listen, advise and become a friend. |
| Community | A Friendship First model – meet locally with other IPs and surrogates. Sharing your journey with others helps to normalise the process and alleviate fears. Our community are always willing to be a listening ear or a compassionate shoulder. |
| Pre-paid Counselling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ongoing, pre-paid counselling • accessed as individuals, as a pair, or as a whole team • offered once pregnancy attempts begin • recommended at least once a trimester; approximately 6 weeks post birth; after failed embryo transfers • counsellor of your choice in any state • in person or via Skype/Zoom • confidential |
| Financial Management | Your surrogate will have peace of mind that she will never be out of pocket. |
| Referral Hub | Save time and money. SASS have a hub of counsellors and lawyers in each state that have relevant experience and are reasonably priced – think Trip Advisor for surrogacy! |
| Your surrogate | A Mentor for your surrogate and easy access to our community; an annual Surrogate Sisterhood retreat, informal advice and friendship. |

This best practice model is based on a Research Project we conducted with Australian surrogates in 2018. SASS is there to minimise the stress in the surrogacy process, so your team can focus on a positive relationship and pregnancy.

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