

HEAR FOR KIDS IN SCHOOL

Deaf Connect's Hear for Kids in School program is supported by the Department of Education and Training's Specialist Disability Support in Schools (SDSS) Program to improve educational opportunities and enhance the learning outcomes of students who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

Services are provided in collaboration with the supports and services the student is receiving from school.

Who is eligible

To be eligible to receive a SDSS service from the Hear for Kids in School Program, a student must be enrolled in a Queensland school (state or non-state) and be identified in the following way:

- A student who was recorded in the latest submission of the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) as receiving supplementary, substantial, or extensive adjustments.
- A student where the school requires assistance to address a barrier to the student's physical access to the school environment.
- A **student who is new to the school (including Prep students)**, where the school has evidence of a diagnosed disability and has confirmed by the end of Term 1 that the adjustments provided are consistent with any of these descriptors in the NDSS guidelines:
 - **Supplementary:** The student receives adjustments supplementary to the strategies and resources already available for all students within the school for particular activities **at specific times throughout the weeks.**
 - **Substantial:** The student has substantial support needs and receives essential adjustments and requires considerable assistance to the usual education program **at most times, on most days.**

- **Extensive:** The student has very high support needs and is provided with extensive targeted measures and sustained levels of intensive support **at all times.**

Whilst also:

- Attending Prep, Year One or Year Two in a State, Catholic or Independent School
- Attending a school within a 50km radius of Deaf Connect offices in Yeerongpilly, Taigum, Gold Coast and Townsville

WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED?

Services will depend on the individual needs of the student and will be determined in collaboration with the school.

They may include:

- Speech and Language Pathology
- Occupational Therapy (**Brisbane only**)
- Assessments and written reports
- Personalised programs to support the student's learning at school
- Participation in meetings with educational support team
- Direct therapy to work on specific educational goals
- Liaison with parents and caregivers

If you would like to discuss a referral or would like further information about Hear for Kids in School please head to the Deaf Connect website or contact us directly.

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Please refer to our website for information on how schools can apply for SDSS Program services at the start of the school year should the student require immediate support.

Referrals

A referral to the Hear for Kids in School program must be made by the child's school with the consent of the parents or caregivers.

Find the Referral Form on our website: www.deafconnect.org.au/hear-for-kids-in-school

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