

Queensland Outline of School Support



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The following summary has been compiled by AFA in 2019 from the Education Queensland website.

<https://education.qld.gov.au/students/students-with-disability>

Education Adjustment Program

The Education Adjustment Program (EAP) is a process for identifying and responding to the educational needs of students with disability (from Prep to Year 12) who require significant education adjustments related to vision impairment, in both state and non state schools.

The first step is **verification** that the student's impairment and associated educational needs meet criteria. An **EAP profile** will be developed for each student, recording the frequency and intensity of education adjustments made for the student. **Validation** follows, with a quality assurance process to ensure that the data obtained through the EAP profile is valid and reliable. These three components of the EAP support the ongoing cycle of documented data collection, planning, program development, intervention, evaluation and review for eligible students.

Statewide services to support students with vision impairment

These are based on the campus of Narbethong State Special School, 25 Salisbury Street, Buranda, Brisbane. Services include:

- **Paediatric Low Vision Clinic** - PLVC provides a range of specialised vision assessments, support and information to assist students with vision impairment, their families, school staff and specialist support staff. They have an outreach service to regional areas.
- **Alternative Format Library Services** - provide resources for students with a print disability who require their learning media, as an educational adjustment, to be in a format other than standard print. Resource collections include texts in braille, large print, audio and electronic format.
- **Orientation and Mobility Services**
- **Assistive Technology Services**
- **Braille Music Services**

Advisory Visiting Teachers in State Schools

The department provides Advisory Visiting Teachers, trained in low vision (AVT VI), for students in state schools with a vision impairment whose specialist educational support needs have been verified (or are progressing through) the Education Adjustment Program (EAP) and are identified as requiring significant educational adjustments.

The main role of the AVT is to support school staff in enabling students with disability to access and participate in the curriculum. The way this is achieved may vary from region to region and from school to school.

Qld Education Department Resources

- **Students with Disability** – at the bottom of this page are many links to information for parents.
<https://education.qld.gov.au/students/students-with-disability>
- **Education Adjustment Program** (including the EAP Handbook)
<https://education.qld.gov.au/students/students-with-disability/education-adjustment-program>
- **Statewide services to support Vision Impairment**
<https://education.qld.gov.au/students/students-with-disability/vision-impairment>
- **Advisory Visiting Teachers**
<https://education.qld.gov.au/students/students-with-disability/specialist-staff/advisory-visiting-teachers>
- **Every student with disability succeeding.** This link covers what the program aims to achieve, setting expectations, focusing on capability, partnering with parents, support services and resources.
<https://education.qld.gov.au/students/students-with-disability/succeeding-with-disability>