

NON SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS (NSO) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

To assist schools address the diverse learning needs of their students with disability, the NSO funded organisations provide a range of services to contribute to the provision of specifically tailored programs to maximise students' potential.

Request a service: use the organisation hyperlink which contains school referral forms and/or contact details – see below.

Services available to schools:

[ACTforKids](#)

State-wide

The program is aimed at ameliorating students' developmental delays, speech and language delays, cognitive impairments and learning disabilities, social, emotional and behavioural disabilities that have resulted from maltreatment. Services are specifically provided in schools in Townsville and Brisbane.

[ARC](#)

Cairns

ARC Disability Services Inc. will provide a wide range of specialised equipment, educational toys, therapy equipment and professional support resources as well as support at school.

The local specialist seating clinic is to be provided in the school holidays.

[Autism Queensland](#)

State-wide

Autism Queensland aims to enhance the educational outcomes and personal development of students through the provision of consultative input by educationalists and therapists with specialist skills and knowledge in ASD, to support eligible students in state and non-state schools.

[Banana Shire](#)

Banana Shire

The Banana Shire Council provides an education and therapy program to enhance eligible student's access to the curriculum, participation and interaction with their peers, and learning outcomes. Appropriate specialised equipment and resources are available to schools to assist eligible students with mobility, communication and social interaction.

An Education Support Holiday Program will reinforce therapeutic strategies learned at school, in the least restrictive environment.

[Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre](#)

Bundaberg

The service aims to widen the educational options and increase participation in school for primary and secondary aged students through the provision of Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy to eligible students with disability.

[Bundaberg Disability Resource Centre Inc. Toy Library](#)

Bundaberg

The resource centre will purchase and provide specialised equipment and resources to support all eligible students with disability in state and non-state schools.

[Carins Catholic and Independent Schools Therapy \(ACCIST\)](#)

Cairns

ACCIST will provide specialist services to eligible students with disability in Catholic and Independent schools through the provision of physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech language therapy support. Services will be provided to students at school.

[Children's Therapy Centre Inc.](#)Gympie &
Sunshine
coast

Children's Therapy Centre will provide professional services to assist eligible students, at state or non state schools, to acquire the necessary skills and abilities to participate and achieve the best outcomes at school.

[Cooloola Toy Library](#)

Cooloola

To Request a Service, ph. 0448 826 762

The Toy Library will provide therapy equipment, educational games and play items to help targeted students access the curriculum. This educational service provides support within the Cooloola Shire and adjacent areas, working in conjunction with state and non-state schools.

[CPL - Choice, Passion, Life \(previously Cerebral Palsy League\)](#)

State-wide

CPL will provide a complementary therapy service in school, to eligible students with Cerebral Palsy and related disabilities. Service delivery methods include direct provision of therapy, specialised equipment and technology prescription. This service is tailored to support the student's access and participation at school and is provided in consultation with other relevant stakeholders.

Camp Have a Chat and Lets Talk activity days provides education support services for eligible students who use communication devices. These programs link directly to the students' education support plans and are provided in Brisbane and Townsville in school holidays.

[Deaf Services Queensland \(DSQ\)](#)

Brisbane

DSQ provides Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Teacher of the Deaf services to eligible students in state and non-state schools, as they commence formal schooling. Services focus on the development of listening, speech, language skills and cognitive skills. Through consultation with education professionals and the provision of personalised therapy, each child's communication, learning, personal, social and emotional capabilities will be enhanced.

[Granite Belt Support Services Inc. \(GBSS\)](#)

Stanthorpe

GBSS provide Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology to eligible students in state and non-state schools by focusing on flexible services, providing support for planning/programming, professional development, equipment and materials, provision of alternative and meaningful programs and networking opportunities. GBSS prescribe specialist equipment, offer training and support in the proper therapeutic use of the equipment and can make recommendations for purchase and/or physical impairments.

[Guide Dogs QLD](#)

State-wide

GDQ provides an outreach program to provide quality Orientation and Mobility (O&M) training to eligible students with vision impairments to meet the identified individual needs of the student. The O&M instructor will liaise with the school, Advisory Visiting Teachers - Vision Impairment and other key stakeholders. The training will take place in many settings - initially in the school and surrounding environment.

Transition Camps take place each year, as an effective means to consolidate and provide students with the opportunity (skills, experiences and social interactions) to develop and move ahead, linking this learning with the priorities identified within the student's education program during the term. The service is to be provided in the school holidays.

[Hear and Say Centre for Deaf Children Limited](#)

State-wide

The goal is to improve the educational opportunities and learning outcomes for eligible students with a hearing loss, through exposure to the Auditory-Verbal Therapy approach and the provision of specialised support mechanisms to key personnel in the eligible students' school.

[Lockyer District Concerned Parents of the Disabled Group Inc.](#)

Lockyer

[To Request a Service, Ph. \(07\) 5466 3317](#)

Valley

Provide identified eligible students with occupational/speech language therapy services to develop motor skills, self-help skills, speech, language, social skills and self-esteem to promote independent access to, and participation at school and in their community.

[Mackay Christian Care Ltd](#)

Mackay

To Request a Service, Ph. (07) 4963 1155

The therapy team provides a range of services to students with disabilities who require high levels of adjustment at school. The service will be provided to eligible students in State, Catholic and Independent schools in the Mackay region.

[Maryborough Toy & Special Needs Library](#)

Maryborough

To Request a Service, Ph. (07) 4190 5893 or email library@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

The specialised equipment provided will allow teachers, therapists and parents to access a variety of specialised equipment to assist eligible students to meet their IEP goals and to achieve greater independence, dignity, choice, participation and inclusion at school.

[Montrose](#)

State-wide

Montrose will provide professional services to support children's development, access to the school setting, participation in their educational programs, personal independence when at school, self-esteem and social integration.

Montrose therapists will liaise with education staff to determine the most suitable equipment for eligible students at school and, where able and practical, equipment may be loaned for trial prior to purchase or sourcing equipment on a permanent basis.

[QBWA - Queensland Braille Writing Association](#)

State-wide

The Queensland Braille Writing Association will supply Braille books for eligible students in state and non-state schools as identified by the Alternative Format Library located at Narbethong State Special School.

[SALDA \(previously CHI.L.D Association, Let's talk\)](#)

State-wide

The provision of education-based advisory consultation with schools which includes, but is not limited to: observations of the student, meeting with stakeholder's and modelling strategies and approaches most effective for the student. Let's Talk will also provide specialised equipment to enable more effective communication and improved comprehension skills for eligible students at school.

The Outreach service conducts information sessions for professionals.

[SBH Queensland Inc.](#)

State-wide

SBH will provide education and therapy services to eligible students in state and non-state schools. A multidisciplinary team will provide a comprehensive range of appropriate interventions including specialised equipment, for students with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus to achieve maximised educational outcomes within the available resources.

Each year a maximum of 20 eligible students with spina bifida and hydrocephalus from state and non-state schools will participate in a four-day residential camp to improve their independence skills, language skills, social skills and self-confidence. The goals for each child will be directly related to education support goals. The camp is usually held in the first week of the September school holidays.

[True Relationships and Reproductive Health \(True\)](#)

State-wide

True will provide a disability and sexuality program involving the creation, facilitation and evaluation of sexuality education programs and resources for students with disabilities throughout Queensland. The program will be provided in state and non-state schools at the request of the school.

[Vision Australia](#)

State-wide

Vision Australia will provide expert technology advice and clinical therapy services to eligible students at school. Services will be provided by Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Speech Language Therapists and Adaptive Technology Consultants.

Direct intervention, consultancy, group programs, outreach visits across Queensland and information sessions are some of the ways Vision Australia works with students and schools, including the provision of specialised equipment to enable eligible students to fully participate at school.

Vision Australia will deliver a comprehensive range of programs including specific forums, holiday programs and three day residential camps as identified in the student's individual education plan.