

Braille Advisory Service

What is the Braille Advisory Service?

The Braille Advisory Service (the Service) works in conjunction with Advisory Visiting Teachers – Blindness & Vision Impairment (AVTs-BVI), the statewide AVT – Assistive Technology and specialist teachers BVI, to support the teaching, learning and use of braille in Queensland schools and early childhood settings. Through the provision of information, training and advice, the Service assists school-based teams to develop the basic competencies required to effectively support students who access the curriculum through braille, or who may do so in the future. The Service also develops and facilitates access to targeted braille-related programs and resources which address the specific needs of braille-using students in the Queensland context.

Training and programs

Regular training and professional development programs delivered by the Braille Advisory Service include:

- Introduction to braille for schools: a self-paced online program, available on demand, introducing the braille code and practical strategies for supporting braille-using students in the school context
- Survival braille: a one-day intensive workshop covering the basic features of the braille code and introducing the letters of the alphabet, numbers and some punctuation
- Introduction to braille for families: a program enabling families to understand the basics of the braille code along with supports and strategies to assist their children to become braille literate
- workshops related to braille music and musical participation for students who use braille

- various professional learning opportunities for specialist educators in vision impairment and other groups to address specific needs
- personalised case conferencing with schools and regions to assist in planning for students to transition to accessing the curriculum through braille.

Queensland Braille Learning Progression

The Braille Advisory Service also supports implementation of the [Queensland Braille Learning Progression](#) and can provide schools with access to a range of braille teaching programs and related resources to meet the needs of a variety of learners.



Contact details

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