

# State Schools Nursing Service



## What is the State Schools Nursing Service?

The nursing service is provided to state schools by the Department of Education to support reasonable adjustments for students with specific health needs to safely access and participate in education. Services include collaborative risk assessment and development of individual health plans that reflect daily routines, as well as step-by-step emergency health plans.

State Schools Registered Nurses (SSRNs) provide support and training for school staff to manage a specific health procedure such as the use of gastrostomy devices. Working collaboratively with students, their families, school staff and treating health teams, SSRNs help to minimise the impact of the student's health needs on their learning. Ongoing support and refresher training is also provided as required.

## Who do nurses support?

The State Schools Nursing Service supports all state schools and early childhood development programs. They provide support and training to schools or early childhood development programs who have students who require a specific health procedure or

intervention during school hours or whose health condition is not easily managed without consultation with a nurse.

## What services are available?

Building and maintaining school capability to support student inclusion and safety is a high priority. Nursing services are available to support a range of health conditions such as (but not limited to):

- enteral device feeding/medication administration e.g. gastrostomy/nasogastric
- urinary catheterisation or urostomy/Mitrofanoff support
- airway/breathing support e.g. tracheostomy and oral/nasal suctioning
- oxygen therapy/oxygen concentrator support
- stoma or collection bag/attachment device e.g. for colostomy/ileostomy
- diabetes support including glucose monitoring, insulin administration, glucagon injection
- seizure support and seizure first aid which includes administration of emergency medication e.g. Midazolam
- complex asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis support – SSRNs are also available for practical training in the use of adrenaline auto-injectors (e.g. Anapen®/EpiPen® and asthma first aid (e.g. reliever medication).





## How are nursing services requested?

Parents should discuss their child's health supports with the principal of their child's school.

The principal (or delegate), in consultation with the parent or carer, determines that services are required and completes a Student referral for nursing services. Schools can access this form on the intranet [therapy and nursing page](#) (search 'Nursing referral'). SSRNs will determine if the referral meets the eligibility criteria for service provision.

Questions about services or the referral process should be directed to a local SSRN or the Regional Clinical Nurse Consultant (nursing supervisor). Contact details are contained in this brochure.

## Who do SSRNs liaise with?

With permission from the student (where capable), parent or carer, the SSRN will liaise and work collaboratively with:

- **the student's doctor or treating health team** to understand the specifics of the student's health support needs and to develop the student's Individual or Emergency Health Plan
- **the classroom teacher and other supporting school staff** to ensure the student's health needs are understood and to promote self-care and independence
- **relevant allied health professionals** to provide a multidisciplinary approach for improved student outcomes
- **school leaders** to support students with specific health needs to transition from early years to primary and Year 6 to high school.

## What support is available for school camps, excursions and off-site activities?

When planning for camps and excursions, SSRNs are able to provide additional support including:

- advice for risk assessment e.g. camp checklists
- training for procedures normally attended to at home
- liaison with the student's treating health professionals re risk management
- development of camp specific health plans.

**Note:** For the best outcome, please contact the SSRN early in the planning phase.



“Our SSRN is a pivotal member of our school team who supports the implementation of health processes to enable effective engagement in all aspects of learning and school life for our students.”

*Claire Cheyne  
Principal, Burdekin School*

## Is there a cost for nursing services?

The department provides nursing services at no cost to schools or families. The service is focused on supporting reasonable adjustments to enable students to participate and learn on the same basis as all other students.

## Who to contact?

For assistance, schools should contact the nearest State Schools Registered Nurse. See the contact details contained in this brochure.

# State Schools **Nursing Service** contact details

## Metropolitan Region

Acacia Ridge State School – (07) 3717 4111  
Ipswich Special School – (07) 3813 5777  
Geebung Special School – (07) 3632 1777  
Warilda Precinct, Woolloowin – (07) 3215 9222  
Mt Ommaney Special School – (07) 3717 6888  
Nursery Rd State Special School, Mt Gravatt – (07) 3308 6333  
Narbethong State Special School, Buranda – (07) 3823 0777  
Red Hill Special School – (07) 3291 9333

## North Coast Region

Albert State School, Maryborough – (07) 4120 0888  
Bundaberg West State School – (07) 4132 8333  
Cooroy State School – (07) 5472 2100  
Currimundi Special School (07) 5491 0222  
Maroochydore State School – (07) 5475 1555  
Nambour Special School – (07) 5444 9333  
Pialba State School – (07) 4197 7777  
Pine Rivers Special School – (07) 3285 0555  
Thabeban State School – (07) 4150 8333  
Tullawong State School – (07) 5431 4666  
Woody Point Special School – (07) 3480 4333

## Darling Downs South West Region

Clifford Park Special School, Toowoomba – (07) 4614 5333  
Dalby South State School – (07) 4672 3848  
Stanthorpe State High School – (07) 4681 5888  
Kingaroy Regional Office, Kingaroy – (07) 4172 9700  
Toowoomba West Special School – (07) 4638 6333

## South East Region

Beaudesert State School – (07) 5540 1111  
Beenleigh Special School – (07) 3380 1111  
Logan City Special School – (07) 3489 6333  
Mudgeeraba Special School – (07) 5559 3333  
Pimpama State Primary College – (07) 5549 5333  
Redlands District Special School – (07) 3488 6333  
Southport Special School – (07) 5552 0333

## Central Queensland Region

Emerald North State School – (07) 4988 2333  
Glenmore State School, Rockhampton – (07) 4923 0666  
Rosella Park School, Gladstone – (07) 4976 8333  
Tannum Sands State High School – (07) 4979 9777  
Victoria Park State School, Mackay – (07) 4951 6333

## North Queensland Region

Proserpine State School – (07) 4940 6333  
Townsville Community Learning Centre – (07) 4759 4111  
Mount Isa Central State School – (07) 4437 3222

## Far North Queensland Region

Cairns State Special School – (07) 40367444

## Regional Clinical Nurse Consultants

Central Queensland – (07) 4842 8347  
Darling Downs South West – (07) 46163771  
Far North Queensland – 0436 928 890  
Metropolitan – (07) 3436 6286  
North Queensland – (07) 4842 8347  
North Coast – (07) 5352 9281  
South East – (07) 5617 6140

## Statewide

Senior Nurse Manager – 0436 914 659  
CNC (Advisor) – 0436 914 651

