Contact us

Your local State Schools Registered Nurse can be contacted at the base locations listed below or through the Regional Nursing Supervisor.

Regional Nursing Supervisors:

Ask for the Regional Clinical Nurse Consultant (Senior Nurse)

Metropolitan – Trish Rohl (07) 3436 6286
North Coast – Andrea Bradford (07) 5352 9281
Darling Downs South West – Tammy Saxton (07) 4638 6333
South East – Katherine Wilson (07) 5617 6140
Central Queensland – Helen McCullagh (07) 4842 8347
North Queensland – Helen McCullagh (07) 4842 8347
Far North Queensland – Helen McCullagh (07) 48428347

State-wide
(Senior Nurse Manager) – Kim Bennett (07) 3436 6276
CNC (Advisor) – Mary Collins (07) 3436 6283

Metropolitan Region

Calamvale Special School (07) 3712 5555
Ipswich Special School (07) 3813 5777
Geebung Special School (07) 3632 1777
Mitchelton Special School (07) 3354 5333
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 9888
Bundaberg Special School (07) 4155 5222
Caboolture Special School (07) 5480 2333
Cooroy State School (07) 5472 2100
Maroochydore State School (07) 5475 1555
Nambour Special School (07) 5444 9333
Pialba State School (07) 4197 7777
Thabeban State School (07) 4150 8333
Woody Point Special School (07) 3480 4333

Darling Downs South West Region

Clifford Park Special School, Toowoomba (07) 4614 5333
Daiby South State School (07) 46723848
Stanthorpe State High School (07) 4681 5888
Taabinga State School, Kingaroy (07) 4164 9111
Toowoomba West Special School (07) 4638 6333

South East Region

Beenleigh Special School (07) 3380 1111
Logan City Special School (07) 3489 6333
Mudgeeraba Special School (07) 5559 3333
Upper Coomera State College (07) 3380 1111
Redlands District Special School (07) 3488 6333
Southport Special School (07) 5552 0333
Beaudesert State School (07) 5540 1111

Central Queensland Region

Park Avenue State School, Rockhampton (07) 4931 1111
Tieri State School (07) 4981 7555
Victoria Park State School, East Mackay (07) 4951 6333

North Queensland Region

Proserpine State School (07) 4940 6333
Townsville Community Learning Centre (07) 4759 4111

Far North Queensland Region

Far North Qld Regional Office (07) 40373822

Website

The Department of Education and Training provides a nursing service to state schools to support reasonable adjustments for students with specialised health needs so they can attend and engage in education. Nursing services may include support with risk assessment, development of individual (daily routine) and/or emergency school health plans, provision of training in managing student health needs and performing health procedures, supervision and ongoing support (including refresher training) as required.

Registered Nurses are available to work collaboratively with the student, their family, school staff and the treating health team, to minimise the impacts of the student’s health needs on learning.

How to access this service

The State Schools Nursing Service is available to Queensland state schools, prep to year 12. The service is accessed using the Student referral – Request for nursing services form available within the Management of Students with Specialised Health Needs procedure. Alternatively, contact your regional nursing team (see contact listings).

A school staff member who is familiar with the student’s health needs completes the student referral form. The referral must be signed by both the Principal, and the parents/carers. The State Schools Registered Nurses will determine if the referral meets the approved criteria for service and will arrange an appropriate time to visit the school.

Eligibility for services

Eligibility for referral includes students who require a specific health procedure or intervention during school hours; or where the student’s health condition is not easily managed without nursing support. It is the principal’s decision, after consultation with a parent/s, to determine if a referral for nursing services is required. Parents should contact the principal of the school if they have an interest in the services offered in this brochure. For any questions about services and referral, school staff should please contact the regional Clinical Nurse Consultant (Senior Nurse) or a registered nurse based in your region (see listings).

Examples of health conditions commonly supported by the State Schools Nursing Service include (but are not limited to):

- management of artificial feeding and feeding devices (e.g. gastrostomy, jejunostomy and nasogastric tubes)
- management of urinary catheterisation (e.g. urethral, Mitrofanoff or urostomy)
- maintaining a clear airway (e.g. tracheostomy care, oral suctioning)
- management of oxygen therapy
- management of a stoma bag/device (e.g. colostomy, ileostomy, urostomy)
- management of diabetes (e.g. blood glucose monitoring, insulin administration)
- epilepsy and seizure management (e.g. Midazolam and vagus nerve stimulator use)
- EpiPen® administration for anaphylaxis (practical use of an auto-injector)
- asthma management (emergency reliever medication).

Liaison services

Registered nurses are available to:

- liaise with treating health teams to determine and negotiate safe school-friendly strategies (requires specific parental consent)
- liaise with lead organisations to determine a safe management plan or strategy for use in schools
- liaise with key support persons in the development of a program that promotes student self-directed care and independence or transition across the school setting (e.g. to high school).

School camps, excursions and off site activities

Registered nurses are available to provide support in risk assessment for school camps and activities that require the provision of care that is normally attended to at home prior to and after school. Training and planning for a specific event can be supported by the registered nurse. Checklists can also be made available to improve advanced planning and risk minimisation for specific health conditions.

For further information contact a State Schools Registered Nurse in your area.