

Education Low Vision Assessment Centre



The Education Low Vision Assessment Centre (ELVAC) is a direct support service provided by the Statewide Vision Impairment Services (SVIS) to children and students from birth to school leaving age with vision impairment alone or in combination with other impairments.

The primary aim of ELVAC is to support education teams by evaluating the impact of the vision condition and providing information regarding the specific adjustments in the educational environment to maximise student learning opportunities.

Services are available to children and students enrolled in both State and Non-State Schools, or registered with an Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP) or receiving Advisory Visiting Teacher (AVT) support.

Services provided

- Functional Vision Assessment - ELVAC provides vision assessments to children and students to gain an understanding of the vision condition and associated visual behaviours in relation to learning.
- Caregivers and relevant staff attend the appointment when questions can be asked of the ELVAC professionals.



- Recommendations are provided related to the child's or student's education including teaching strategies, print size, alternative formats, assistive technologies and specialised equipment to facilitate their access and engagement in the curriculum or early childhood program.
- ELVAC clinics are held each week of the school term. While most clinics occur at SVIS in Brisbane, a schedule of outreach clinics across the state is provided to education regions each year.

NB: In addition to receiving services from the centre, students and children will continue to attend their current eye care practitioners (ophthalmologist/optometrist) who provide treatment and medical intervention for their eye conditions.

Referrals

Referrals to ELVAC can be made directly by a specialist teacher BVI, a school team, a medical specialist, an allied health professional or parent by sending a medical report and request for referral to the Centre. The referral will be forwarded to the child's or student's local education regional contact including a specialist support teacher who will contact the family and the education facility.

Reports are provided to education personnel, caregivers, medical specialists and other professionals with parental consent.

Contact details

For further information, please contact the Education Low Vision Assessment Centre, email 3140_ELVAC@eq.edu.au or telephone (07) 3823 0747.

