

# State Schools Nursing Service



The Department of Education is committed to creating healthy, inclusive, welcoming, and accessible learning environments. The State Schools Nursing Service (SSNS) assists schools so that students with health support needs can safely access and fully participate in school life.

## What is the State Schools Nursing Service?

State schools registered nurses (SSRNs) employed by the department, assist schools to assess student health needs, develop health plans and provide training that builds the capability and confidence of school staff in providing student health supports. Ongoing support and refresher training is also available.

By working collaboratively with students, their families, school staff and treating health teams, SSRNs help minimise the impact of the student's health needs on their learning.

## Who do nurses support?

SSNS provides support and training for schools or early childhood development programs with students who:

- require a specific health procedure
- require health intervention during school hours
- whose health condition is not easily managed without consultation and support from 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 tube
- 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, and glucagon injection (where required)
- seizure support and seizure first aid, this includes

administration of emergency medication such as 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 their child's school.

The principal (or delegate), in consultation with the parent or carer, will determine if services are required and complete a Nursing service request form. Schools can access this form on the department's OnePortal therapy and nursing page (search 'Nursing request'). SSRNs will determine if the referral meets the eligibility criteria for service provision.

Questions about services or the request/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
- **relevant allied health professionals**
- **school leaders** to support students with specific health needs, including when transitioning from early years to primary and on 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, camp plans, additional training
- training for procedures normally attended to at home
- liaison with the student's treating health professionals regarding risk management
- development of camp specific health plans.

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

## 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.



“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*

# State Schools **Nursing Service** contact details

## **Metropolitan South Region**

Acacia Ridge State School – (07) 3717 4111  
Ipswich Special School – (07) 3813 5777  
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  
Redlands District Special School – (07) 3488 6333

## **Metropolitan North Region**

Geebung Special School – (07) 3632 1777  
North Lakes State College – (34825777)  
Pine Rivers Special School – (07) 3285 0555  
Red Hill Special School – (07) 3291 9333  
Tullawong State School – (07) 5431 4666  
Warilda Precinct, Wooloowin – (07) 3215 9222

## **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  
Thabeban State School – (07) 4150 8333

## **Darling Downs South West Region**

Clifford Park Special School, Toowoomba – (07) 4614 5333  
Dalby South State School – (07) 4672 3848  
Goondiwindi State High School – (07) 4670 0333  
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  
Coomera State School – (07) 5519 6333  
Logan City Special School – (07) 3489 6333  
Mudgeeraba Creek State School – (07) 5565 0333  
Mudgeeraba Special School – (07) 5559 3333  
Pimpama State Primary College – (07) 5549 533  
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  
Victoria Park State School, Mackay – (07) 4951 6333

## **North Queensland Region**

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

## **Far North Queensland Region**

Cairns State Special School – (07) 40367444

## **Clinical Nurse Consultants**

Central Queensland – (07) 4842 8347  
Darling Downs South West – (07) 4616 3771  
Far North Queensland – (07) 4616 3771  
Metropolitan South – (07) 3436 6286  
Metropolitan North – 0436 930 840  
North Queensland – 0460 029 835  
North Coast – 0437 613 334  
South East – 0436 912 085

## **Statewide**

Senior Nurse Manager – 0436 914 659  
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