

## Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program

# Vision screening

## Information for parents and carers



**The Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program (PSNHRP) is a free Queensland Government initiative offering vision screening for children in prep.**

The PSNHRP has a team of highly trained registered nurses based across Queensland who will attend your child's school during their prep year to conduct vision screening.

The vision screening checks for common eye conditions that may impact your child's ability to see and have an impact on their learning and development.

### What do we do?

- This program screens your child's vision using two non-invasive screening tools.
- Screening takes less than five minutes on date/s agreed by your school, with minimal disruption to your child's learning.
- Before screening, the registered nurse will talk to your child's class about the vision screening process and will ask your child their full name, date of birth and their parent or legal guardian's name to identify them.
- Parents do not need to be present for screening but if you would like to be, please contact the school to arrange this.
- If your child's vision is screened, you will be sent the results in writing. If a vision concern is found you will receive a phone call from the nurse to discuss referral to an eye health professional for further assessment.

### What do you need to know?

- Your child's school will distribute a vision screening consent pack during their prep year. Please complete it and return it to the school as soon as possible.
- The program does not screen for colour blindness and is not funded to screen your child's hearing.
- If a vision concern is identified and your child requires glasses, eligible health care card holders may be assisted with free basic glasses through the Spectacle Supply Scheme (SSS) [www.health.qld.gov.au/mass/prescribe/spectacles](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/mass/prescribe/spectacles)
- If you have concerns about your child's eyes at any time, please take your child to see an eye health professional (optometrist/ophthalmologist).
- This program utilises free interpreters/translators to assist you, if required.

### Contact us

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