

## SCHOOL ADVISORY SERVICE

South East QLD: Greater Brisbane, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Caboolture, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast

Regional QLD: All regions outside of South East QLD.

Autism Queensland's School Advisory Service supports students with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Prep to Year 12, attending State, Catholic and Independent schools throughout Queensland.

A **transdisciplinary team** of speech pathologists, occupational therapists, teachers and psychologists deliver consultancy services to schools (on-site or via videoconferencing) to provide information, advice and strategies to support the educational outcomes of eligible students. The aim of our service is to improve access to and participation in curriculum and the educational outcomes for eligible school-aged students with diverse learning needs.

The **School Advisory Service** also provides an opportunity for schools and parents to discuss current educational and developmental needs including communication, sensory differences, emotional and self-regulation, literacy, motor skills, activities of daily living and general behaviour.

### An initial School Advisory Service consists of:

1. **Pre/visit information gathering** (eg Individual Plan, therapy reports, and eligibility documentation - verification date/sector or National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) adjustments).
2. **Observation** of the student in the education setting (this is not a requirement but is supportive and is only achievable when delivering the service on-site).
3. **Consultancy meeting** between Autism Queensland staff, parents/carers, education staff and other relevant stakeholders.
4. **School Advisory Meeting Record** (written summary of information discussed during meeting).
5. **Check-in email** to check progress 6 – 8 weeks post visit.
6. **On-going phone or e-mail contact** with Autism Queensland staff as needed.

### Additional Follow Up Support:

In addition to telephone and email contact following the initial service, Autism Queensland may provide follow-up services to your school (onsite/face-to-face meeting, or phone/video-conference meeting). This option may be determined at the time of the original meeting or later. If required, follow-up meetings may be provided within the calendar year, and the format dependent on the needs of the school and/or student and our availability.

The School Advisory Service is supported by the Queensland Government through the *Department of Education and Training (DET) Specialist Disability Support in Schools (SDSS) Program* [formerly Non-School Organisations (NSO) Program].

There is no fee for this service however to be eligible to receive a SDSS service a student must be enrolled in a Queensland school and be identified in one of the following ways.

#### State schools:

- Students who were recorded in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on school students with disability (NCCD) for the previous year as receiving Substantial or Extensive adjustments; or
- Prep and new students to a state school recorded with Anticipated Adjustments at Substantial or Extensive, as submitted for Day 8.

#### Non-state schools:

- Students who have a current verification under the Education Adjustment Program (EAP).
- Students who have evidence of Awaiting Verification.

### Requesting a School Advisory Service:

Use your school's *Unique Webform Link* to access the **School Advisory Service Request form**. You can request services for multiple students by using the same Unique Webform Link to open a new form. Once the Service Request Form has been submitted it will generate an email which is sent to the caregiver/parent requesting they complete the consent form. Please note, the request will only be complete when we receive the caregiver/parent consent form.

We endeavor to accommodate all requests, however where demand exceeds team capacity, requests will be prioritised in consultation with schools according to eligibility, provision of relevant eligibility documentation, urgency of request and previous support.

### Client Services and Support:

Autism Queensland provides a telephone and email information service (contact details below). Telephone access is available 9am–4pm on business days. Email requests will also be processed during these hours. *Please note at times of peak demand you may be required to leave a brief message that will be attended to as quickly as possible.*

**Autism Queensland wishes to thank the Queensland Government for their support of the School Advisory Service without which the service would not be possible.**

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### Other Services and Support:

Autism Queensland provides a range of other services for children and adults, their parents/carers and others, including professionals, supporting them. *Please note fees are applicable. Services may be eligible for funding schemes or rebates (eg National Disability Insurance Scheme, Medicare or Private Health Insurance).*

Services are flexible and structured to meet the needs of the individual and/or other stakeholders and may include:

- Assessments and therapy (speech therapy, occupational therapy, psychology.)
- Autism Consultant Partnership Model.
- Functional Behaviour Assessment and Positive Behaviour Support Plans.
- Programs to address developmental and independence skills (toileting, eating, etc.)
- Group programs (eg Secret Agent Society, Lego Club, Cool Conversation etc.)
- Professional Development and Parent Education.
- Customised Training.

We can provide most of these services at our AQ centres in Brisbane, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Mackay, Cairns and the Gold Coast (opening February 2023). In some locations we may be able to:

- Travel to you (travel costs shared when a service is being delivered to more than one participant.)
- Provide a service while we are visiting your region (travel costs will apply.)
- Provide teletherapy services.

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