



## Service Overview

# AQ School

Our schooling model has been designed specifically for autistic students, offering a personalised, functional, and nurturing educational program.



We offer a range of full-time and part-time enrolment options — including shared enrolment with a mainstream school — at our campuses in **Brisbane** (Sunnybank Hills and Brighton), **Sunshine Coast** (Brightwater), **Rockhampton** (Koongal), **Mackay** (East Mackay), and **Cairns** (Edmonton).

## We use neurodiversity-affirming practices to foster inclusive learning.

Our goal is to support autistic students in accessing the Australian Curriculum to their fullest potential, by providing:

- **Small Classes:** Students are grouped into small multi-aged classes (considering curriculum levels and individual adjustments) for safe and functional learning and participation.
- **Personalised Learning Environment:** Each class has a high teacher-to-student ratio to ensure personalised educational programs tailored to students' specific needs.
- **Interdisciplinary Support:** Classes are supported by an interdisciplinary team, including a class teacher (case manager) and at least one teacher aide. Students may also receive additional support from school-based therapists and professionals in areas such as speech pathology, occupational therapy, behaviour, and wellbeing.

Class teams collaborate with students, families, interdisciplinary teams, and other stakeholders (including any shared enrolment mainstream school teams). Our aim is to identify supports and **develop the confidence and skills** of our students, their families, and other stakeholders.

**Eligibility:** Students must have a primary diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to enrol at AQ School.

## Our Approach:

- We provide clear, positive, and structured learning environments.
- We use restorative justice practices to address conflicts and incidents, supporting students in becoming relational problem solvers.
- We ensure that strategies and supports are informed by evidence.
- We support student voice in goal setting and co-designing strategies.

**Student success is measured individually, considering curriculum achievements, engagement, and progress with personalised goals.**

### Distance Education (DE)

Full-time DE enrolment aims to offer a flexible and personalised educational program specifically tailored to meet the needs of autistic students in regional or remote areas. This ensures students access necessary supports and resources they need to succeed and can work at their pace within a comfortable environment.



Scan QR code to learn more about AQ School's Distance Education program.

### Transport Assistance

AQ School students are eligible for the School Transport Assistance Program for Students with Disabilities.

### Fees & Financial Assistance

We charge school fees each term. Parents and carers of full-time students (including Distance Education) may be eligible for financial assistance through Services Australia.



Scan QR code to view Services Australia Isolated Children Scheme and confirm eligibility.



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