

Highly Specialised Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students Overview

Durack State School is a mainstream co-educational school catering for hearing, deaf and hard of hearing students from across southern Brisbane.

The highly specialised program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students provides a caring and positive learning environment where students learn to develop and master skills for their current and future learning, empowering them to be independent and life-long learners. The program aims to maintain an integrated and inclusive facility which meets the educational needs of all Deaf and Hard of Hearing students and holds the same values as the mainstream school including the same high expectations for our students' academic, social and emotional success. This is achieved using the Australian curriculum and through provision of high-quality educational programs, use of appropriate technologies and implementation of relevant teaching and learning methodologies to enable students to reach their full potential.

Students enrolling at Durack State School – highly specialised program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing can reside in any area of Brisbane and surrounding areas and can enrol at any level of the school providing they meet the criteria for the program for Students with Disabilities – Hearing Impairment. *Eligibility is based on the child having a bilateral, sensorineural moderate/severe/profound/total hearing loss* and the student requires intervention or assistance to communicate. Where an eligible D/HH student enrolls in the program, hearing siblings can be enrolled in the school on compassionate grounds.

Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion

- Individual Student Plans (ISPs) are written and consistently reviewed for each child in consultation with parents/guardians, ensuring we are focussed on goals that promote successful learning outcomes
- Our experienced Teacher of the Deaf and mainstream teachers target areas to improve students to ensure quality learning
- All students have their hearing technologies, speech processors and wireless communication devices checked every morning prior to school beginning
- A Ling Sound Test is conducted during every listening device test to ensure that students have clear access to the speech sounds
- Every classroom throughout the school is equipped with a Digimaster 5000 Soundfield System with a transmitter Phonak ROGER Network Touchscreen worn by all teachers
- Students wear a receiver which enables them to connect to the teacher's transmitter
- Intervention, therapy and support programs may be available with private providers at Durack State School
- Using high-quality definition headphones to access on-line information and assessments
- Adjustments when required, for example, quiet withdrawal room to complete work/assessment, extra time to complete assessment, support and/or clarification during assessments
- Durack State School welcomes CODAs (Children of Deaf Adult/s) and their families across Brisbane into our school community
- There are opportunities for the whole-school to participate in the Durack Signing Choir
- Interpreting is available for meetings, assemblies and school community events
- Auslan is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) offered from Grades 1 - 6.
- Durack State School tours are available for parents/guardians and families to visit and see the day-to-day running of our fully-integrated classes.