

SDSS Fact Sheet

SBH Queensland receives government funding to support the educational opportunities, learning outcomes and personal development of children with spina bifida and /or hydrocephalus and related conditions.

Organisations are funded under 3-year agreements for the funding categories (1) school support services and (2) resource centre services and 1-year agreements for (3) specialised equipment.

The current 3-year agreement period for SDSS funding is 2019–2021.

Student eligibility

To be eligible, a student must be enrolled in a Queensland school and be identified under the Education Adjustment Program as requiring significant educational adjustment related to the specific impairment areas of:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual Disability
- Physical Impairment
- Speech-Language Impairment
- Vision Impairment
- Social Emotional Disorder (non-state schools only).

Alternatively, a student enrolled in a state school who is recorded as receiving substantial or extensive adjustments to address a Social Emotional Disorder on the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability, and has been formally reported as being subject to abuse or harm or at risk of harm, may also be eligible.

Program Objectives

Support schools to provide reasonable adjustments for students with disability to access and participate in education through:

- Identification of barriers to access, participation and achievement;
- The provision of supports to enhance student attendance, participation and achievement in schooling.

Program Categories

Category	Description
<p>School Support Services</p>	<p>Funding for the provision of a range of professional services and consultation in schools for eligible students with disability. Services may include support services from educators, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, orientation and mobility specialists, and psychologists.</p>
<p>Resource Centre Services</p>	<p>Funding to provide equipment, materials and resources to schools for the support of eligible students.</p>
<p>Specialised Equipment</p>	<p>Funding for specialised equipment is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To improve the equipment loan pools of organisations providing support services to students with disability to enhance access and participation in school; 2) For equipment that is complementary to the equipment that is available from the regionalised loan service; 3) For trial purposes at school; and/or 4) For short term equipment loans up to six months. <p>This funding may not be used for equipment for individuals or minor equipment and materials.</p>

Access to SDSS Service through SBH Queensland

We value the support of our families in advocating for SBH Queensland support in schools.

For your child to be eligible for this service, SBH Queensland requires the “*School Support Request Form*” to be completed (available through your child’s school). Please request your child’s school to complete the “*School Support Request Form*” if they haven’t already done so. The school will require you to provide consent as part of this form. These request forms need to be renewed annually, generally at the beginning of the school year.

SBH Queensland cannot provide services at school until the School Support Request Form (with parent consent) is received as per our Education and Therapy Services – School Visits policy, and the requirements outlined by Education Queensland for the SDSS Program.

We understand the value in having a holistic approach in providing support to your child. At SBH Queensland we believe it is important to build strong relationships with all stakeholders involved with your child. By working together, your child can grow, learn and achieve.