

SBH SCHOOL TIPS

When considering mobility and access for students around the school grounds there are a few things to consider. This newsletter will highlight three different areas around the school grounds to help facilitate maximum mobility and access for students whilst attending school.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

When students attend school, you want to ensure that they have a suitable area where they can be safely dropped off and picked up. Things to consider:

- Are there a clear and continuous accessible path that travels from public transport or carparks to major and key entry points within the school
- Can the student independently access the drop off and pick up zone or will they require some assistance



ACCESS INTO BUILDINGS AND WHEN INSIDE THE BUILDING

When selecting buildings for student to have their classes in – there are several things to consider. These include:

- Are doors able to be open independently (when applicable), can a student reach the door handle, can the student successfully use the door handle, can the student manage the weight of the door
- Does the student have level access into a class, or is there a ramp provided to assist with access
- If the student has a mobility device, can they fit this under the desks
- Is there enough room for the student to navigate a mobility device around



BATHROOMS

It is important to work with the students and discuss appropriate bathroom locations for them to attend to. When selecting a bathroom for the student to use, you may need to consider the following:

- Are the doors accessible? (Refer to above)
- Is there sufficient circulation space to enter and turn around
- Is there sufficient space around toilet to accommodate transfers – can they accommodate both left and right side transfers
- Is the equipment / facilities at appropriate heights e.g. grabrails, taps, mirror, hand dryers
- Does the bathroom have a secure place for the student to store their continence supplies
- Are there sufficient accessible bathroom facilities located near the student so that they do not need to travel long distances

If you have any questions or would like an environmental scan, please do not hesitate to contact the SBH Queensland team. We would be more than happy to arrange an online meeting or face-to-face visit to support mobility and access needs around the school grounds.