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Dear School Leader (Principal/Deputy/HoSES)

SBH Queensland would like to offer our services to your school. The SBH Queensland Education and Therapy Service supports students with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus and other spinal cord-related conditions, in schools throughout Queensland. We currently offer two forms of funded services for our registered clients within the school setting. These programs are funded by the Department of Education. There will be students that meet eligibility for both programs available:

- Specialist Disability Support in Schools program (SDSS - formerly NSO Program) for verified students.
- Non-State Special Needs Organisation Program (NSSNO) for any of our registered students needing specialist assistance within the school setting.

The support we can provide:

Your school and staff benefit from our experienced staff through:

- Our specialised knowledge of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (and related conditions), and
- A comprehensive understanding of how Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus affect the student/s at your school.
- An extensive understanding of the appropriate adjustments and accommodations that can assist the student/s with accessing and processing the classroom curriculum.
- Accessing resources and equipment to cater for the student/s needs at your school.

Our team includes an Education Advisor, Physiotherapists, Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, and Social Workers. Focusing is on collaborating effectively with your school and other key stakeholders to support your students' development and education is our primary goal. Through our service we assist the students' to participate fully and successfully engage in all aspects of school life. We are committed to delivering a quality service to schools through following policies and procedures regarding student safety and wellbeing, as well as efficient and collaborative communication with the relevant school support teams, HoSES and Principals.

To request a service from SBH Qld, please use the accompanying **request forms**.

- SDSS School Request Form – for verified students.
- NSSNO School Request Form – for all students identified.
- SDSS Resource and Specialist Equipment Request Form – to access equipment, in-services, resource booklets.
- School Visit Parent/Guardian Permission Form.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have or to request assistance.

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