

North Queensland Region

Early Childhood Development Programs and Services (ECDP) for children with disability - prior to Prep

The department provides early childhood development programs (ECDPs) and services to support children aged 0-5 years with significant educational support needs arising from a diagnosed or suspected disability in the categories of

- ◇ intellectual disability
- ◇ autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- ◇ physical impairment
- ◇ vision impairment
- ◇ hearing impairment
- ◇ speech-language impairment

Early childhood development programs and services are aimed to ensure that children with disability can achieve maximum skills and capacity to access and participate in schooling.



Children may have access to

- ◇ Special Education Teachers
- ◇ Guidance Officers
- ◇ Occupational Therapists
- ◇ Speech Language Pathologists
- ◇ Teacher Aides
- ◇ Physiotherapists
- ◇ Specialist Advisory Teachers

ECDP Locations

Townsville

Bohlevale State School ☎07 4729 3555
Heatley State School ☎07 4759 5333
Rasmussen State School ☎07 4789 6333
Vincent State School ☎07 4728 0436

Ayr

The Burdekin School ☎074790 3111

Bowen

Bowen State School ☎07 4786 9555

Ingham

Ingham State School ☎07 4776 9333

Proserpine

Proserpine State School ☎07 4940 6333

Mount Isa

Barkly Highway State School ☎07 4437 3633

Charters Towers

Charters Towers Central State School (Outreach only) ☎07 4756 2333

Documentary evidence for diagnosed or suspected impairment is required

Vision Impairment: registered ophthalmologist, or in cases of cerebral vision impairment a registered paediatrician or neurologist	Autism Spectrum Disorder: registered paediatrician, psychiatrist, neurologist, clinical psychologist, educational and developmental psychologist or neuropsychologist	Physical Impairment: registered paediatrician, neurologist, orthopaedic surgeon, geneticist, rheumatologist
Intellectual disability: registered paediatrician, neurologist, geneticist or psychologist or guidance officer	Hearing Impairment: registered audiologist or otolaryngologist	Speech-language Impairment: registered speech pathologist.

Programs and services, which suit the local context, may include:

- **centre-based ECDPs** that provide direct focused teaching for children with disability
- **ECDPs providing outreach** services for children with disability to other educational settings (e.g. Kindy)
- **early childhood services** including specialist teachers providing support to other educational settings or to the child's home. These services may be from an advisory teacher with a specialisation in early childhood special education, hearing impairment, vision impairment or physical impairment.

All children who access ECDPs and services will have an individualised program or service plan developed. The individualised plan will outline the teaching focus and support that is provided to the child.



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How often do children attend?

Once eligible: 0-3 years – Playgroup - 1 session per week with parent

Once eligible: 3-5 years - Kindy - up to 2 sessions per week