

School of Special  
Educational Needs  
Sensory



# EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICE

VISION EDUCATION



## SCHOOL OVERVIEW

*Specialist educational support for children with hearing loss, vision impairment and dual sensory loss.*

The School of Special Educational Needs: Sensory (SSEN: S) provides educational support for children with hearing loss, vision impairment or dual sensory loss from birth to completion of school. SSEN: S is based at the Statewide Services Centre in Padbury and supports children and students in both public and non-government schools throughout Western Australia.

All children with diagnosed hearing loss, vision impairment or dual sensory loss may be eligible for service from SSEN: S. Once eligibility is determined for specialist support; service provision will be allocated according to individual need.





## **VISION EDUCATION PROGRAM EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICE**

The Vision Education Program Early Childhood Service provides one-to-one educational support for children, schools and families.

Our experienced teachers in vision impairment understand the unique needs of children with vision impairment.

We deliver individualised early intervention programs in the home, care centre or kindergarten that focus on essential skills, concepts, and understandings to support child development.

As a holistic support, we work with the family to determine and plan collaboratively for the individual developmental strengths and needs of the child - enhancing readiness for school, and setting the foundations for educational wellbeing, engagement and achievement.





## THE SERVICE

Our service focusses on developmental areas such as conceptual understanding, sensory development, emergent literacy and numeracy, tactile skills, functional vision skills, emergent orientation and mobility, and emergent braille reading and writing skills.

We use the *Developmental Journal for babies and young children with visual impairment*, the *Early Years Learning Framework*, and the *Western Australian Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines* to guide planning and learning opportunities.



## **The Vision Education Program Early Childhood Service:**

- is staffed by experienced teachers in vision impairment
- delivers individual learning programs to support the unique needs of children who have vision impairment
- works in conjunction with the family goals to determine and plan for the individual developmental needs of the child
- regularly provides support in the child's natural environment (your home, care centre or child's kindergarten)
- engages and develops your child's emerging skills
- models teaching and learning practices
- loans vision specific resources aligned to the SEN: S educational program and curriculum
- assists with transition support to care centres and schools
- through consultancy or professional learning provision, builds capability and understanding of staff in schools and care centres.
- offers opportunities for parent workshops and networking.

### **Our Vision**

Valuing difference  
Equity in learning  
Empowering all

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