

Paediatric Low Vision Clinic

The Paediatric Low Vision Clinic (PLVC) is a direct support service offered by the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) to students from birth to school leaving age with vision impairment, including students with additional or multiple impairments, in state and non-state facilities throughout Queensland.

Services Provided

The PLVC provides vision assessments and information to children and students with vision impairment, their families, teachers and specialist school staff.

The primary role of the PLVC is to provide support to the educational team by recommending strategies to improve each student's access to learning and participation at school. Advice and recommendations are made to suit the diverse learning needs and styles of students who have a wide range of eye conditions and visual functioning.

Students and children attending the PLVC will have their own eye care practitioners who provide treatment/medical intervention for their eye conditions. The role of the clinic is to support the education team by evaluating the implications of the vision condition and establishing the level and use of each student's functional vision in the learning environment.

Assessments assist in developing an understanding of the vision condition and

associated visual behaviours. Recommendations are made about appropriate educational adjustments, alternative formats, specialised equipment and teaching strategies to facilitate access, participation and achievement within the curriculum. This is provided for students with vision impairment identified by DETE's Education Adjustment Program (EAP) criteria for vision impairment.

More information on EAP criteria for verification of vision impairment is available at: <http://education.qld.gov.au/students/disabilities/adjustment/verification/vi.html>

Other services of the PLVC include:

- developing networks with DETE and community agencies working with children and students with vision impairment
- Developing learning materials and publications related to educating students with vision impairment.

Referrals

Referrals to the PLVC are made directly by the specialist teacher for children & students who meet DETE's criteria for vision impairment.

Medical specialists can refer directly to the PLVC, or by sending a medical report to the Principal Education Officer, Student Services (PEO,SS) of the education region in which the student resides. The Medical report will be forwarded to a specialist support teacher to make contact with the student's family and school.

Reports are provided to education personnel and

appropriate specialists (with parental consent).

Appointments

Initial and review appointments are arranged by the student's specialist teacher. It is expected that the teacher and parents/carers attend the appointment. Vital to the outcome of the appointment is the valuable input that students, families, school and specialist staff contribute to the PLVC appointment

In Brisbane:

- Clinics are held over block periods during term time
- Optometry Clinics are held on Tuesdays
- Ophthalmology Clinics are held approximately monthly on Friday afternoons.

In Regional Areas:

- negotiated times.



Where to Find Us

Contact Details

P: 07 3823 0747

F: 07 3823 0757

Address

17 Churchill Street
Buranda
(adjacent to Salisbury Street)
Woolloongabba in the Street Directory

Parking

- **On-street:** Salisbury or Churchill Streets
- **Off-street** near Churchill Street entrance

Entering Grounds

The PLVC is on the Narbethong Special School grounds. At each entrance there is an intercom. Press the button and indicate you are attending the clinic.

Wheelchair Access

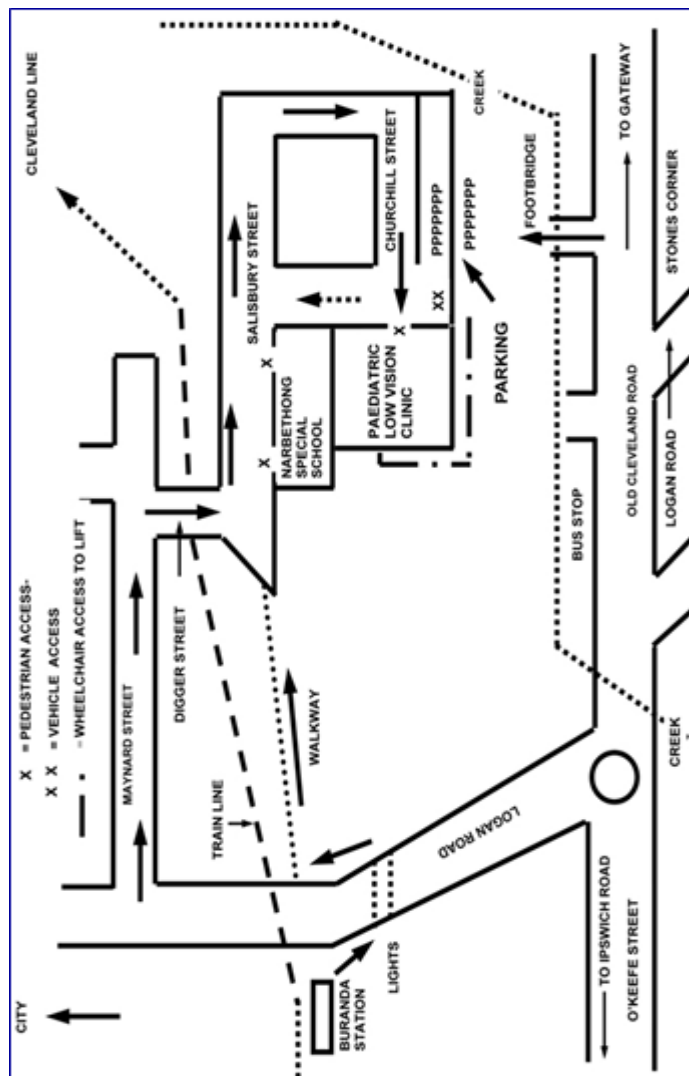
Wheelchair access is available via the entrance on Salisbury Street or park in the school grounds off Churchill Street and use the lift situated through the gate past the taxi drop off zone.

Train Station

Buranda Station (Cleveland Line)

Bus

Buranda Busway or Bus Nos. 174, 175, 204 via Old Cleveland Road.



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