AVT (VI)

Supporting schools
Our role

• Who are we?

• Caseload = 0-18+ years, large and diverse

• Range of settings – state, non-state, centres, home

• Capability building to promote inclusion
How to request VI Services State-Wide and Local..

- How to contact your AVT VI in your area
- District Office via Principal Education Officer-Student Services
- Paediatric Low Vision Clinic
Criteria for Referrals

• Diagnosed condition (disease, damage or injury) of the eye or visual system that cannot be corrected to within normal limits with

• Visual acuity < 6/18 (Snellen)
• Visual field loss
• Significant fluctuating visual access
Vision screening

- School visit to observe and conduct a vision screen in lieu of any medical documentation
- Data gathering and consultation – parents, staff and students
- Appointment at Paediatric Low Vision Clinic
- Interim adjustments prior to verification and profiling
Capability Building

Raising awareness

• workshops
• staff meetings
• Web conferencing
Capability Building

Student specific - implications of VI

• Curriculum
• Communication
• Social Participation and Emotional Well-being
• Health and Personal Care
• Safety
• Learning Environment and Access
Targeted support

- New referrals
- Verifications
- Individual plans
- Expanded Core Curriculum
- PLVC assessment – Initial or review
- Alternative Format Library
- Print adjustment and modification
- Orientation and Mobility services
Paediatric Low Vision Clinic

- Brisbane based or outreach Clinics
- Ophthalmology/optometry
- VI caseload – initial and review
- Process – prior and follow-up
Active Learning

• Links with Narbethong

• Methodology

• Environments/Resources

• Effective interventions
Mainstream with additional impairments

• Environment
• Print
• Reading and Writing
• Equipment
• Orientation and Mobility
• Assessment
• General strategies
• Goal - independence
Collaboration

- Other
- Early intervention
- Range of settings
During the school day....