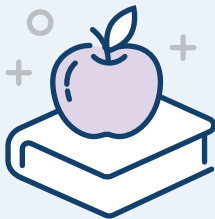


School Readiness Program



Almost 70% of children

in the Moreton Bay region reside in low socio-economic households, **over twice the rate** of children in other communities across Queensland.



10% decrease

in children under five years of age achieving **developmental milestones**



Less than 70%

of children in the region achieving the national level of **physical health and wellbeing indicators**

School Readiness Program Overview

- Currently operating from two early education centres in Caboolture and a playgroup in Redcliffe, with opportunity to expand.
- Facilitates linkages to local primary healthcare services to ensure improved health outcomes to children.

Our Approach:

- Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) including occupational therapists and speech pathologists, screen children for developmental issues.
- If developmental delay is identified, AHPs construct a support plan informing parents/caregivers of their children's progress while working with teachers/child carers to support these children.

Results:

- Increased school readiness by **70%**
- Successful proof-of-concept found children improved in one year by:
 - **21%** social
 - **50%** gross motor
 - **25.5%** language skills(foundational development milestone needs for school)

Important Highlights:



Training and support for teachers and families



Screening for developmental concerns



Integration with existing primary and tertiary health services



Access to allied health and multi-disciplinary treatment

Targeting:

Speech and language development

Emotional regulation

Fine and gross motor skills

Activities of daily living

Phonological awareness and literacy

Social emotional skills

Areas of identified need that would be supported with additional funding:

Caboolture

Deception Bay

Redcliffe

Strathpine

North Brisbane
(Banyo, Bracken Ridge, Hendra, Nudgee, Zillmere)

North Brisbane and Moreton Bay Joint Regional Needs Assessment 2025-27 key findings included need for:

- Services which provide assessment, management, and support for developmental delay in children.
- Better assessment, therapies, and professionals for children with developmental delays and neurodiverse conditions including that are linked to Mental Health.
- Identification and response to the pockets in North Brisbane and Moreton Bay where children are developmentally vulnerable.

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