

School Support Services

Specialist support for mainstream school students.



NextSense School Support Services

NextSense School Support Service provides support for students in Years K–12 with hearing and vision loss in their mainstream Catholic and independent schools in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan area.

Our Specialist Teachers are trained educational specialists in deaf/hard of hearing or blind/low vision and provide support including:

- Regular classroom visits
- Assessment and guidance on aids and assistive technologies
- Training and development for mainstream teachers so they can better work with your child in the classroom.



Blind and Low Vision Kindergarten to Year 12

Your child's dedicated NextSense School Support Teacher will work collaboratively with their classroom teachers to support their vision-related needs. Teaching may take place either in-class or one-to-one. We focus on teaching specific skills within the Expanded Core Curriculum such as reading and writing in braille, using low vision devices or access technology. These skills will help your child participate in and access the school curriculum.

We can also advise and support your school's efforts to:

- Make its physical environment accessible
- Provide recommended specialised low vision or access technology equipment
- Access accessible formats for your child, such as braille, large print, or electronic formats.



Deaf/Hard of Hearing Kindergarten to Year 12

Your NextSense School Support Teacher will work collaboratively with classroom teachers to provide support to your child through a blended service. This will be a combination of online and in-person support at school. Teaching may take place in-class or one-to-one and we will work with your child's identified language and literacy needs to ensure they can participate in and access the school curriculum.

We can also advise and support the school's efforts to provide necessary physical accommodations, aids and appliances for students with hearing loss such as: audio loops in assembly halls; acoustic treatment for classrooms to reduce reverberation; and environmental modifications that support equal and safe access.

Accessibility resource packages

Tailored services to develop accessible learning resources for students who are blind or have low vision. All resources can be delivered in braille, large print, accessible eText and tactile formats, ensuring equitable access to the curriculum.

The Accessibility & Inclusion team work in partnership with school teams, students and families to:

- Convert learning tasks into braille or large print
- Formatting for curriculum-aligned worksheets, handouts or texts and more complex materials (tables, charts, diagrams)
- Consultation with teachers to ensure curriculum alignment
- Braille, large print and tactile resource preparation for classroom use
- PDF versions compatible with screen readers or refreshable braille displays
- Resource library management for ongoing accessibility
- Email and phone support for minor resource adjustments

Redefining what's possible

NextSense is a not-for-profit that provides dedicated, innovative, and customised services aimed at breaking down barriers for children, adults and families of people with hearing or vision loss.

We rely on a generous network of support – from donors to volunteers. To find out more or get involved, go to **nextsense.org.au**



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Please contact our School Support Services team and we will reach out to your school.