

# Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program

Vision Screening in Prep



## Who are we?

- A FREE Queensland Government initiative to screen your child's vision when they are in Prep
- Highly trained Registered Nurses who come to your child's school



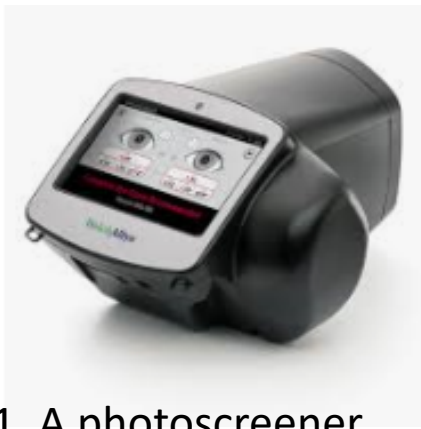
# What are we looking for

- Screen for common eye conditions that affect children
- These conditions may impact:
  - your child's vision
  - Your child's learning and development



# What do we do?

- The Registered Nurses attend your child's school, on a day arranged with school staff
- The Registered Nurses use 2 non-invasive screening tools



1. A photoscreener



2. Visual Acuity



# What do we do?

## 1. Parr 4M Visual Acuity

1. For this screen, the child sits in a chair and holds a card in their lap with some letters on it
2. The Registered Nurse will place a patch over one eye
3. The Registered Nurse will stand 4 metres away, and hold up a book with one letter per page. The child needs to match the letter/shape on their card with the letter/shape the nurse is holding up.
4. The letters will get smaller each time the Registered Nurse turns the page. There are 4 sizes of letters
5. The Registered Nurse will record the smallest size of letter's your child can see
6. The Registered Nurse will then place the eye patch on the other eye, and perform the screen again



# What do we do?

## 2. The Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener

- This is a camera that takes a picture of your child's eyes
- The camera measures your child's eyes against pre-set criteria for their age group
- There are some lights at the end of the camera, but they aren't bright and there isn't a flash



# What do we do?

- Parents do not need to be present for screening, but if you would like to attend please arrange with your school
- We will ask your child a few questions before screening, such as their name, birthday and a parent/legal guardian name to identify them
- Screening takes approximately 5 mins per child



# What do you need to know?

- Your school will give you a consent form. Please complete and return this to your class as soon as possible
- The program does not screen for colour blindness
- The program is not funded to screen hearing





# What do you need to know?

- After screening, the Registered Nurse will provide you with a letter with details of your child's result.
- If your child requires further assessment, the Registered Nurse will also call you to discuss referral options
- The Queensland Government provides some assistance with the cost of glasses for eligible families through the Spectacle Supply Scheme
- The program will use FREE interpreters/translators to discuss your child's vision screening results if required
- If you have concerns about your child's eyes at any time, please take your child to see an eye health professional (optometrist/ophthalmologist)
- Screening is not 100% accurate, and does not provide a diagnosis or treatment



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