

Transition

The staff at the Brighton Primary Hearing Unit liaise with professionals from many organisations including:

- Australian Hearing;
- Australian Teachers of the Deaf;
- Early Intervention agencies throughout the Melbourne Metropolitan area;
- Cochlear Implant Clinic;
- Deaf Children Australia;
- Kindergartens and schools who have students who are deaf or have a hearing loss;
- Other facilities throughout Victoria for students who are deaf or have a hearing loss;
- Victorian Deaf Education Network; and
- Visiting Teachers for students with a hearing loss.

For More Information

For more information or to make an appointment to further discuss the hearing unit or your child's needs, contact the Coordinator of the Hearing Unit:

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An Extensive Network

The staff at the Brighton Primary Hearing Unit has established strong links with early intervention agencies in Melbourne and together ensure a smooth transition from kindergarten to school. All students new to the Brighton Primary Hearing Unit participate in the extensive transition program which is run for all students in November and December.

Transition from the Hearing Unit to Secondary school is negotiated between staff at Brighton Primary, the parents and the student's new school.



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Hearing Unit

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Hearing Unit at Brighton Primary School

Brighton Primary School is situated in the bayside suburb of Brighton. The school is committed to ensuring that students enrolled in the Hearing Unit achieve their maximum learning potential within a mainstream school. The Primary Years Program (PYP) of the International Baccalaureate Organization is implemented throughout the school and provides a curriculum framework with internationally recognized core learning areas.

Our Program at Work

The Brighton Primary Hearing Unit functions as an integral part of the school community supporting students in fully accessing mainstream education. Students participate in regular classes within the school.

The level of support accessed by students is negotiated to match the needs of each student and may include: support within the classroom, small group support and individual sessions.

Who can Enrol?

The criteria for admission to the Brighton Primary Hearing Unit, is determined by the Department of Education and Training (DET). Eligibility guidelines for inclusion in the DET Program for Students with Disabilities program, require students to have a clinically diagnosed bilateral hearing loss that is moderate, severe or profound.

Individual Learning Improvement Plans

Each student's individual program is outlined by an Individual Learning Improvement Plan. This plan is designed to maximise the student's full potential, with a particular focus on managing personal assistive hearing equipment, spoken language development, auditory perceptual skills, speech and social skills. These plans are developed and reviewed once a term at Student Support Group meetings attended by parents and educational staff.

Specialised Staff

The Brighton Primary Hearing Unit is staffed by teachers with specialised qualifications in the area of hearing loss and intervention. Hearing unit teachers scaffold, support and enhance student learning and foster independence within the mainstream environment. They work collaboratively with classroom teachers in delivering a program designed to meet the individual needs of each student. In addition the Hearing Unit is supported by a wide range of professionals including:

- Speech Pathologists;
- Australian Hearing Audiologists who provided regular audiological and technical services to ensure student's auditory input is maximised;
- Psychologists and other allied health professionals and
- Staff from the Cochlear Implant Clinic and acoustic equipment providers.

Transport Assistance

Students who live more than 4.8 kilometres from Brighton Primary School and if Brighton is the closest Hearing unit to their home are eligible for a conveyance allowance. This allowance is administered by the DET and is paid quarterly to eligible families.

Technology

At Brighton Primary Hearing Unit, a variety of devices are used to enhance student learning. They include:

- LED TV Screens;
- Wall Pilots with all children connected to the Soundfield system;
- Additional ROGER Soundfield systems for use in specialist classes and at Assembly.

Extra Curricular Activities

All students at the school are encouraged to take part in extra curricular activities offered at school. Some are in school hours while others are available through parent choice outside of school hours.

Parents

Parent involvement and support is actively encouraged and highly valued at Brighton Primary.

