

Working with families

Nurses recognise that schools manage most health needs for their students. Nurses can assist, if required, in supporting families and school staff with health care planning and management for children with complex health needs and/or chronic conditions.

Nurses are aware of and, have connections with, extended services in the community. They can be a contact point and advocate for families, providing them with health information and referrals, and information about parenting programs as needed.

Nurses also provide whole of school information for individuals and families about health issues through the classroom, school newsletter and school website.

Working with the school

Nurses can provide advice and support to the school around immunisation and health promotion activities.

At the request of a teacher, and if time allows, a nurse may contribute specialist knowledge in curriculum areas. The teacher is responsible for session planning and overall content and must remain in the classroom when the nurse is involved.

Nurses can help school staff prepare to care for young people with anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy.