



About RIDBC

The Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (RIDBC) is Australia's oldest and largest independent special educator. We provide a wide range of innovative educational services to children with significant hearing and/or vision impairment, including children with additional disabilities.

RIDBC has forged a reputation as a pioneer of new concepts in education, therapy and training, and continues to enhance this position through ongoing research.

Founded in 1860, RIDBC is one of Australia's oldest charities. We rely on an extensive fundraising program and community support to enable our work with deaf children and blind children to continue.

Assessment and Advisory Service (AAS)

The AAS provides a range of services to students who are blind or have vision impairment in government and non-government schools, and preschool-aged children that includes:

- Vision assessment
- Adaptive Technology assessment
- Training in the use of low-vision aids and appliances
- Developmental assessment
- Communication assessment



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VisionEd



VisionEd provides educational programs and related supplementary services to students who are blind or have vision impairment.

The Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children's (RIDBC) VisionEd Department provides an array of educational services for children who have significant vision impairment. Our staff work in partnership with families, schools and other service providers to design, develop and implement programs.

Services include:

- Early Learning Program
- VisionEd Preschool
- Student Support Service
- Alternative Format Publications
- Assessment and Advisory Service



Early Learning Program (ELP)

Our Early Learning Program is an early intervention program for babies and toddlers from the time of diagnosis of their vision loss until school entry.

The service provides parents with the knowledge and skills to promote their child's growth and development.

The program is staffed by qualified occupational therapists and teachers. The program is based at North Rocks (in Sydney), but is offered throughout Australia via distance modes.



VisionEd Preschool

Located in the VisionEd building, our preschool provides a program that is specific to the needs of children who are blind or have vision impairment in the context of a regular preschool program. Children without disabilities also attend the preschool.

Student Support Service (SSS)

Teacher/Consultants provide support to students attending independent schools in the Sydney metropolitan area.

Our teacher/consultants work with students in their school to improve access to the school curriculum.

They provide training and support to school staff and individual support to students.

Alternative Format Publications (AFP)

AFP produces a range of educational materials in braille and large print including text books, class hand-outs and exam papers. The primary purpose of the service is to meet the alternative format needs of students who are enrolled in SSS.

