

# What is a Support Teacher Vision? ST(V)

A support teacher vision is an experienced classroom teacher who has specialist training in the education of students with vision impairment.



### How can an ST(V) assist schools and students?

An STV is available to assist teachers and schools in inclusion of Blind and Visually impaired students into mainstream pre-schools, primary, secondary and special purpose schools.

#### The program may include:-

- Braille reading and writing
- Large print
- Modifications of work
- Typing Skills
- Use of Low Vision Aids
- Computer Technology
- Visual Efficiency Skills
- Daily Organisational Living Skills
- Social Programs—(Vision Specific)
- Career Awareness—(Transition)
- Staff (Teacher) Training and Development
- Liase with Community Agencies/Parents
- Work within the Learning Support Team within the school.



# Which Student is Eligible for ST(V) Support?

Students must have a diagnosed vision impairment, which includes details of a permanent vision loss that is 6/24 or less in the better eye corrected, or less than 20 degrees field vision. A report is required from the AP vision which indicates that the student requires additional support to access the curriculum in alternative formats or with significant modification of materials. There must also be information on the student's ability to access the physical environment, daily living, social skills, orientation and mobility.

### What is the STV Referral to Access Support?

- Documented evidence of vision loss
- Functional Vision Assessment
- Reports from Parents
- Educational Assessment by a specialist Teacher in Vision Impairment
- Class Teacher assessment of Curriculum areas.
- Assessment of Social and Emotional development

Students can be referred by parents, class teachers, principals and by counselors.







### Referral Path to Apply for Support School Principal / School Counsellor

Disability Program Officer in Sydney Region
Bondi Office
St. Peters Office
Miranda Office

Office to contact AP Vision

APV to assess medical referral and carry out Functional vision Assessment

If student meets criteria for vision service:

Application to Placement Panel

If accepted, student on caseload

## For Further Information

#### Contact:

- Your School Principal
- Your School Counsellor
- Disability Programs
   consultant in your Regional
   Office
- Bondi Office—
   Ph. 9298 6922
- St. Peters Office—
   Ph. 9582 5824 / 9582 5808
- Miranda Office—Ph. 95313900



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