

School Based Youth Health Sub Network

Queensland Child and Youth Clinical Network



Fact Sheet

What is the School Based Youth Health Sub Network?

The School Based Youth Health Sub Network (SBYHSN) provides a way for School Based Youth Health Nurses and their line managers to connect, share knowledge and innovations, problem solve, and to advocate for change to improve the health literacy and positive health outcomes of young people in State Secondary Schools.

School Based Youth Health Nurse services deliver services across the state and are managed by their local Hospital and Health service and supported by the School Based Youth Health Sub Network processes and information sharing.

Membership

The School Based Youth Health Sub Network is informed by two Statewide School Based Youth Health groups; the State-wide School Based Youth Health Line Manager Network and the School Based Youth Health Clinical Collaborative Steering Committee, and is led by the Nursing Director, Youth Health, Children's Health Queensland.

The purpose of the State-wide School Based Youth Health Line Managers' Network Meeting is to establish strong links across HHS boundaries to:

- facilitate collegial support with School Based Youth Health Nurse practice and professional issues;
- promote knowledge of evidence-based service innovations and quality initiatives;
- contribute to the development of targeted professional development opportunities;
- facilitate the promotion of practice standardisation;
- support service evaluation strategies to facilitate best practice in School Based Youth Health Nursing across the state.

The School Based Youth Health Clinical Collaborative Steering Committee support the SBYHN network by promoting excellence in School Based Youth Health Nurse practice to improve the wellbeing of young people by:

- Providing peer advice and support on key School Based Youth Health Nurse practice/professional issues including guideline development, orientation process, training and development, and mentoring.
- Identifying and reviewing innovative practice and providing clinician level advice by sharing current and emerging best practice and resources to foster quality improvement in the delivery of care to young people in State Secondary Schools.
- Providing an open and supportive environment with the aim of strengthening the School Based Youth Health Nurse professional collegiate network.
- Providing a recognised and structured process for collegiate communication across HHS as well as to other key stakeholders.

- Developing and improving community partnerships with government departments, non-government organisations, carers and other key stakeholders.
- Fostering education and research

Function

The School Based Youth Health Nurse Service is delivered in partnership with Education Queensland and aims to promote positive health outcomes for young people and their families.

The objectives of the Service are to:

- a) promote positive health outcomes for the State secondary school population of young people through the delivery of accessible, appropriate and culturally respectful primary health care services;
- b) provide the opportunity for students, their parents and members of the school community to access a health professional in schools for matters relating to the health and wellbeing of young people in the school; and
- c) support school communities to adopt a whole of school approach to address contemporary health and social issues facing young people and their families in order to help young people make a safe and healthy transition into adulthood.

School Based Youth Health Nurses;

- partner with school staff on curriculum, teaching and learning activities,
- provide individual assessment, brief intervention, health information and referrals,
- support the development of an environment and school culture which promotes health and wellbeing, and
- liaise with the community and other services.

Key Documents

SBYHN your health matters brochure

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