



GLASSES FOR KIDS PROGRAM



Provides free vision screening for participating Prep to Year 3 students. Glasses for Kids targets school communities across Victoria based on areas of disadvantage.

Every Prep to Year 3 student at participating government schools is eligible to receive a free vision screening and, if required, further eye testing and free glasses.

At a scheduled Glasses for Kids school visit, participating students will be seen in small groups where:

- optometrists will conduct individual initial vision screenings
- students whose initial screen demonstrates that further assessment is required will receive additional vision testing
- for students requiring glasses, optometrists will order their prescriptions
- students choose their own frame in consultation with Glasses for Kids program staff
- schools are provided with written advice to each parent/carer detailing the outcome of the visit for all participating students to take home
- students requiring further investigation of eye health issues will be provided with a referral letter.

How to apply

- The Department of Education will invite eligible schools to participate in this program at least one term prior to a scheduled visit. Schools are selected based on their relative levels of disadvantage.
- Once a school principal accepts the program, parents/carers of all Prep to Year 3 students in the eligible school will be invited to participate.
- Parents/carers must complete the consent form and eye-health questionnaire for their child to participate.

When it's available

- State Schools' Relief started delivery of the initiative to schools in 2015.
- Delivery of the expanded Glasses for Kids program will roll out progressively through to 2027, with the schedule of school visits to be planned in partnership with State Schools Relief.
- For more information visit Glasses for kids program:
<https://www.vic.gov.au/glasses-for-kids>