

# School Checklist



The School Checklist is for the family to use. It gives possible points to consider when visiting potential schools for their child. It can be used by parents or caregivers as a reference tool to 'checklist' whether the school/schools are a consideration for their child. The questions in the checklist are for guidance only. Families can adapt the questions more specifically to gather the information they need.

The Checklist is divided into three sections - General Information, Technology and Communication, and Deaf facilities and Schools for the Deaf. Families might also like to think about how they feel when walking around the school. Do they feel there is a positive atmosphere within the school community? Are the staff welcoming? They might like to ask if the school has an open day that they can attend.

For some more ideas when visiting a school visit: <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/earlychildhood/healthwellbeing/sharingourjourneykit.pdf>

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## General Information

- At present, what is the number of students enrolled in the school?
- Are classes a single year level or composite?
- Has the school previously had deaf or hard of hearing students?
- Are there any deaf or hard of hearing students or students with other disabilities in the school?
- Does the school have a parent information day or evening?
- How can I be involved in the school?
- Is there a visiting teacher service available at the school?
- Is there a speech pathologist available at school?
- Does the school provide Individual Learning Plans for students that require them?

## Technology and Communication

- Take a look at the classroom and school listening environments.
- Is there carpet on the floor and curtains on the windows?
- Are the ceilings high?
- Does the school have sound field systems?
- Is the school willing to check my child's hearing aids / cochlear implants / bone conductor and the FM system are in working order?
- Would the school staff be interested in receiving training and information about hearing aids / cochlear implants / bone conductor and the FM system?

## Deaf Facilities and Schools for the Deaf

- How many children are enrolled in the Deaf Facility / School for the Deaf?
- Would my child be able to access specialists, such as speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists or psychologists?
- Is Auslan available at the school?