

The Principal

21.4.14

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School (Sunnybank)

Shearwin Street

Sunnybank 4109

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to inform you of changes we are making to improve access for your school community to our child and adolescent dental services. As you are aware many of your students have received high quality care with our services for many years.

Under the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) which commenced on 1 January 2014, children aged from 2 to 17 years, whose families receive Family Tax Benefit A, will qualify for dental services up to the value of \$1000 per child per two years. The CDBS requires a parent/legal guardian to attend all dental appointments with their children and sign the necessary forms.

Metro South Health appreciates that we will need to make family attendance at our clinics as flexible as possible so parents can more easily attend appointments with their children at a time and a location that most convenient.

From 22 April, all dental examination and emergency appointments will be made by calling our Oral Health Hub (the Hub) on 1300 300 850. Families can make appointments at any of our school dental clinics or other clinics in Metro South Health, by calling this central number.

As you would be aware, Metro South Health provides services at a number of school sites. Students who do not attend a school with a dental clinic on site can receive care at an alternative school location. These arrangements will continue under the CDBS. Under the requirements of the scheme, parents will also need to attend with their child.

I seek your assistance in ensuring that all students and parents continue to have access to Metro South Oral Health Services provided at school clinics at a time and location of their choice.

To allow the Hub to assist clients in accessing services, we plan to extend the number of days most of our clinics will open to allow them to provide care from Monday to Friday.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions on 3249 1180 or Ed_oralhs@health.qld.gov.au

Kind regards

Helen Boocock
Director, Metro South Oral Health