
Naracoorte Primary School Visual Screening



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Visual Screening Assessments

Vision does not **just** mean how clearly your child can see. Even if they have “20/20” sight, this only means that they can see well at a distance of 20 feet or more.

This does not truly represent the **efficiency of their eyes when working at a close distance**, which is the distance required for reading, writing, note taking from the board and computer work etc.

Local Optometrists can assess for **clarity of vision**.

Behavioural Optometrists are able to assess both *clarity of vision* and the *behaviour of the eyes for formal learning*.

At Naracoorte Primary School, we are able to assess the behaviour of your child’s eyes using an accredited **Vision Screening Tool**. This process is co-ordinated by designated staff members.

Who is screened?

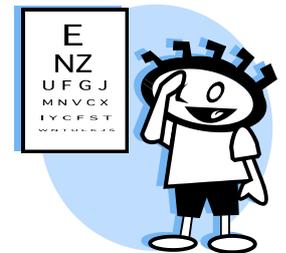
Those screened include;

- **all Reception children** after they have completed at least one term of schooling
- and those **children who have been recommended** by their teacher due to a concern with their learning.

What is tested?

The Vision Screening Tool takes only 5 minutes and allows us to test:-

- **Visual acuity** – seeing at a long distance
- **Long sightedness** – ability to focus between near and far
- **Binocular vision** – ability for the eyes to focus on 1 point together
- **Tracking** – ability to concentrate along a line of print



After the screening

If your child has been screened you will receive a notification that this has occurred. This will be either;

- **A note** to say that no problems were found
- **A report** attached to the results of the screening with the name, address and phone number of a Behavioural Optometrist if you choose to pursue this further.

Records of these findings will be placed in student files.

Parents are encouraged to inform the school of any action taken, particularly if they have taken their child to a behavioural optometrist.

Note: It is the responsibility of the parent to inform the school if their child is required to wear glasses during classroom activities.