



It's all part of a broader plan

Fortunately, not all children will need the highly specialised services of the Queensland Children's Hospital. Plans are under way to develop and expand children's health services in the greater-Brisbane metropolitan area.

New children's health services are being established at The Prince Charles Hospital, Chermside. These new services, in the heart of Brisbane's northside, will include 12 emergency treatment spaces, 20 beds for short stays and children's outpatient services.

Children's health services will also be expanded at the Ipswich, Logan, Caboolture, Redland and Redcliffe hospitals. This will further strengthen Brisbane's emergency care network and ensure that no matter where you live in south-east Queensland, you'll be able to access the right hospital care for your child close to home.

More information

Children's Health Services is responsible for delivery of the Queensland Children's Hospital and linking health care services across the state.

For information about Children's Health Services visit www.health.qld.gov.au/childrenshealth

For more information about the Queensland Children's Hospital phone 07 3020 8714, email buildingqch@health.qld.gov.au or visit www.health.qld.gov.au/childrenshospital

Children's Health Services... ensures the right care, at the right time, by the right team and in the right place

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We're building the
Queensland Children's Hospital
to deliver the best care for our kids



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Tomorrow's Queensland: strong, green, smart, healthy and fair

Construction of the Queensland Children's Hospital signals the beginning of a new era in children's health care for our state. As the centrepiece of a major investment in health services for our youngest patients, the Queensland Children's Hospital is on schedule to open its doors in South Brisbane at the end of 2014.

A statewide service

The Queensland Children's Hospital will provide the very highest level of care to children from across the state, as well as general health services to those living in the local inner-Brisbane community.

Specialist services currently provided by the Royal Children's (RCH) and Mater Children's (MCH) hospitals will be expanded at the new Queensland Children's Hospital. There will be 359 beds, 25 per cent more than the RCH and MCH combined, as well as 12 additional emergency department treatment bays. More than 320 new staff, on top of the combined RCH and MCH workforce, will be needed to deliver the extra services.

This is great news for families who will be able to access all the care, advice and support they need in one place.

For those families living outside Brisbane, the Queensland Children's Hospital will support regional hospitals through

telemedicine and outreach services. Children and young people can have access to the services they need as close to home as possible, so reducing the stress and expense of travelling long distances for treatment.

A family-centred focus

Health professionals are the experts on treatment and care, but no one knows a child better than their family. We know that children recover faster when they are provided with an environment that supports their well-being, so right from the start we have consulted with children, young people and their families in the planning of the Queensland Children's Hospital. Their input has helped us design a hospital that is therapeutic and practical and also welcoming and comfortable.

More than a building

The Queensland Children's Hospital would be nothing more than a building without our most precious resource – our people.

In creating the Queensland Children's Hospital we will bring together the staff of the Royal Children's and Mater Children's hospitals. Between them they have more than 200 years of service to the children of Queensland. This is a wonderfully rich tradition to build on as we create even better children's health services and a new chapter in our state's history.

At a glance...

- › Opening at South Brisbane in late 2014
- › 359 beds - 25 per cent more than currently provided at RCH and MCH combined
- › 320 more staff to treat patients
- › Most overnight beds in single rooms with an ensuite and bed for a parent to stay
- › Modern building with room for expansion
- › On-site academic and research facility dedicated to child and adolescent health
- › Close to public transport facilities (bus, train, ferry)
- › Convenient access to South Bank Parklands
- › As part of a major statewide upgrade in children's health care, more children will have more access to more services, closer to home, than ever before



Artist impression of the QCH