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Caloundra RSL & Variety Qld see fit to help Vision Impaired Students

[Number] vision impaired students from Chancellor State College got an early Christmas present this year when Variety Queensland and the Caloundra RSL purchased vital equipment to help with their studies.

The Caloundra RSL was able to lend a helping hand by donating \$9,952 to supply specialised Braille machines as well as scanning, magnification and audio technology. This equipment is required to enhance the students' educational experience and strengthen future outcomes for a group of bright academic students.

Chancellor State College at Sippy Downs on the Sunshine Coast was designated as a specialised facility for students with vision impairment in 2008. This was in recognition of the number of students in the school with vision impairments and their various eye impairments.

As a result of this specialisation, Chancellor State College has experienced an influx of new students with vision impairments. The school now caters for three Braille using students spread across Prep, Middle school and Senior school.

These totally blind students are not able to access the school curriculum without the use of specific Braille technologies and qualified teachers. The specialized equipment is needed for preparation of work material on a daily basis and for completion of assignments and assessment tasks.

As well as Braille using students, Chancellor State College also supports a number of students with severe vision loss. These students also rely on specialised equipment to help them read print, for example, scanning and screen magnification and audio technology.

Variety Queensland, the children's charity is dedicated to improving the quality of life of sick, disabled and disadvantaged children in Australia and throughout the world. It achieves this through the provision of mobility and educational equipment for individual children, Sunshine Coaches and Liberty Swings for communities, as well as special adventures and exciting events.

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