Returning to school after a burn injury; our new practice

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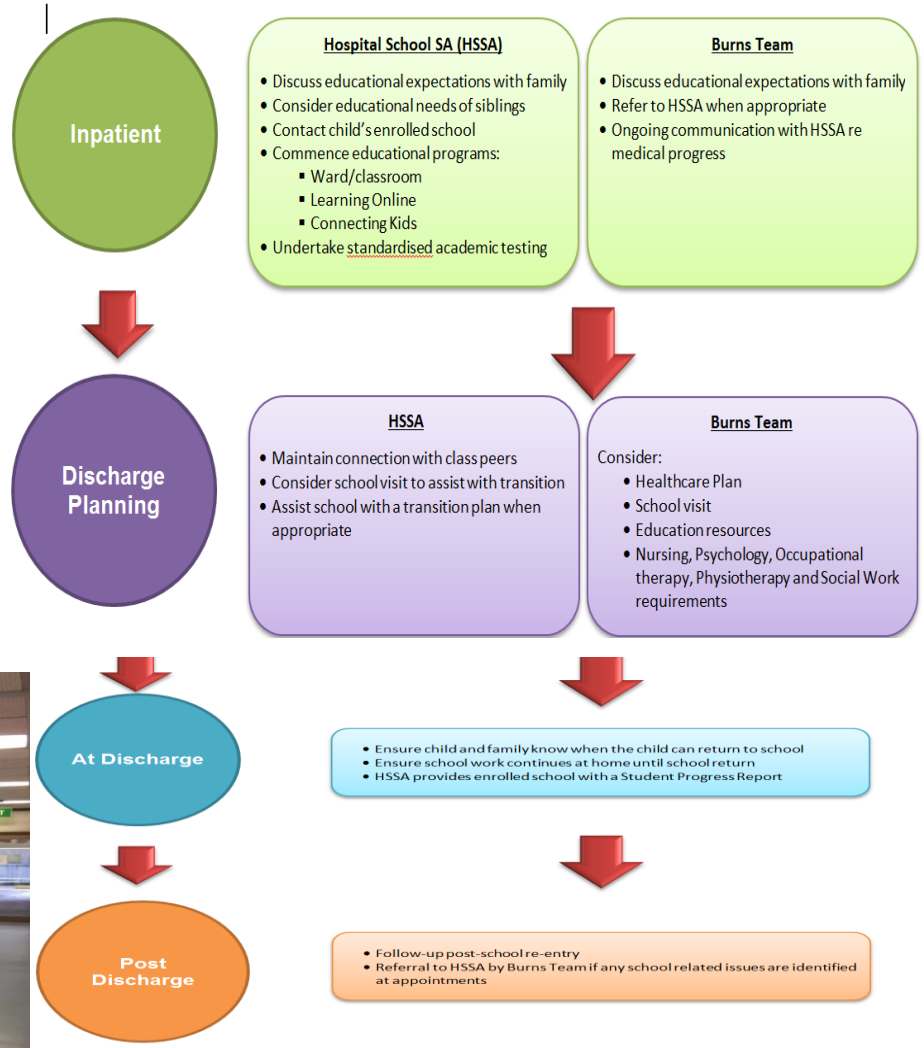
The Women's and Children's Hospital Burns Service carried out an audit in 2015 to determine whether children are experiencing difficulties returning to school following a burn injury. If they were, what were the factors hindering this process and what can be put in place to assist with this transition?
Unfortunately this retrospective study had a low participation rate and did not provide us with the numbers and results we had hoped for. On a positive note it has led to a more cohesive approach to our burn injured school aged children. The relationship between the Burns Service and the Hospital School (HSSA) has been strengthened and we believe this will improve the transition back to school.

The Burns service now refer all children admitted > 3 days to HSSA, which has opened up the channels of communication with the child's enrolled school. This has assisted with identifying potential issues the child may have in returning to school, and preparation can begin early. This also led to the development of an Education Pathway for these children.

Education Pathway for burn injured children