

Keys to freedom



BUS DONATION: Michael Harrison from Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology delivers the bus to Red Hill Special School as principal Pam Stack, AMA Queensland's Jane Schmitt, Maisie Andrews, 7, and Madeleine Shoobridge, 8, (front) gather around. Picture: Steve Pohliner

A GROUP of very special children in Brisbane's inner-west were given the keys to a \$75,000 set of wheels yesterday.

The Red Hill Special School desperately needed a new minibus to take its 53 students on

daily excursions after its 16-year-old bus was declared unroadworthy in November.

Thanks to the generosity of the AMA Queensland Foundation and Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology, the students are on

the road again in a bus specially fitted with a wheelchair hoist and electric retractable steps for field trips to libraries, parks, shops and an annual camp.

The school has taught children with intellectual disabilities, some

with medical conditions that impair their mobility, for 26 years, principal Pam Stack said.

"We're just so very grateful," she said. "Our program means so much to the children."

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