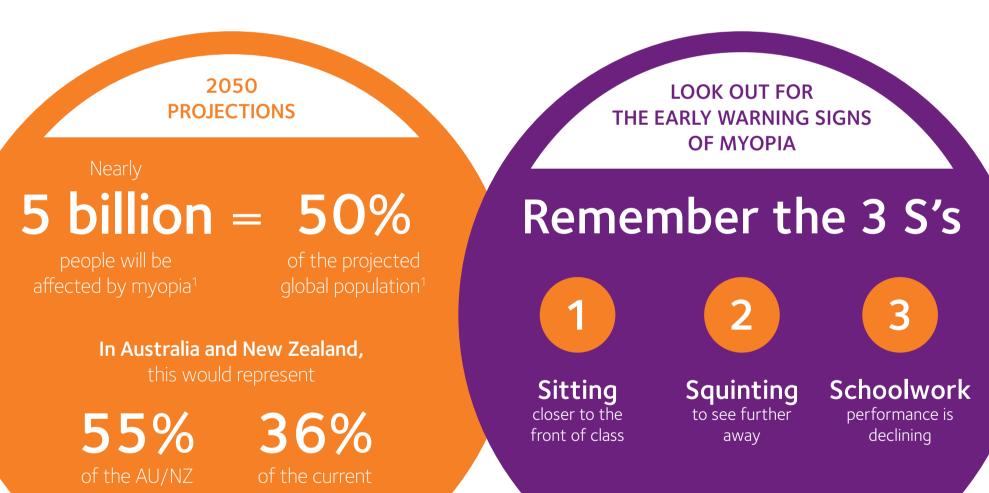


Myopia matters

Myopia, or 'short-sightedness', is a common eye condition that causes blurred distance vision. Myopia usually starts during childhood and typically progresses until a child stops growing.

Teachers play a very important role in identifying a student with vision difficulties, before they start to have a significant impact on their learning.



or you notice unexplained changes in behaviour at school

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If you suspect a student has vision difficulties, discuss with the parent/carer and recommend their child has an eye examination with an optometrist. It's important for a child to see an optometrist, not only to get clear vision, but also as increasing myopia can lead to serious eye health problems in the future.

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