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Taralye Expresses Gratitude to The Shane Warne Foundation

The Shane Warne Foundation has generously provided Taralye with \$24,000 in support of our work with families of children with a hearing impairment who come from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. In 2010, 20% of Taralye families spoke a language other than English in the home, a number which is expected to rise due to changing demographics.

All children with hearing loss are at risk for reduced speech and language abilities, academic underperformance, social isolation and psychological ill-health. These risks are compounded for CALD families, who are more likely to face barriers caused by high levels of underemployment, low levels of English proficiency, weak social networks, and difficulties accessing transportation and other public services. Taralye has responded by adapting our centre-based program into a home-based one, utilizing culturally and linguistically appropriate books and props, interpreters and translated materials, and helping families to create strong social networks. While this approach is costly, the outcomes are socially sustainable, where children with hearing loss are equipped to achieve their potential, and families are enabled to nurture and advocate for their child's needs.

Many thanks to the Trustees of The Shane Warne Foundation for their generous and ongoing support of Taralye families!



Ethan is a boisterous and outgoing 4-year-old whose family has moved to Australia from Cyprus. With the help of bilateral cochlear implants and Taralye's early intervention services, Ethan is thriving in a community early learning centre.