



Paediatric Charter

Australian Hearing's paediatric audiologists are experts in the audiological management of hearing impairment in children.

We understand the wide-ranging implications of hearing impairment on a child's speech, language, educational and social development. We can work with children of all degrees of hearing loss, ages and abilities. Our expertise has been developed over 60 years and is supported by world-leading research.

We take a holistic approach to paediatric audiology. We know that you can not separate the ears from the child, the child from the family or the family from the community.

We believe in the rights and the abilities of parents to make good choices in the audiological management of their children. We willingly provide our expertise to assist them in their choices.

We understand the benefits and limitations of technology in relation to children and will provide honest and informed advice to families.

We care about our clients and their families. We do our best to help them achieve their goals.

We believe in the right of every Deaf & hearing impaired child to communicate as effectively as possible with as wide a range of people as possible. We acknowledge that there are many paths to this end. Our expertise lies in helping children to make the best use of their hearing.

We believe that Deaf and hearing impaired children can grow up to become happy, healthy and active participants in their community. We do not undervalue the potential of any child.

We respect cultures different from our own. In particular, we respect and seek to understand Deaf culture. We acknowledge that Auslan is one of the living languages in use by members of our culturally diverse Australian community.

We are respectful of other professions and of views different from our own.

We are realistic in our expectations of families and other professionals.

We undertake to use available funding as efficiently and equitably as possible to optimise our contribution to assisting each individual child to achieve their communication potential.