



Supporting schools in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities to ensure all students hear as well as possible.

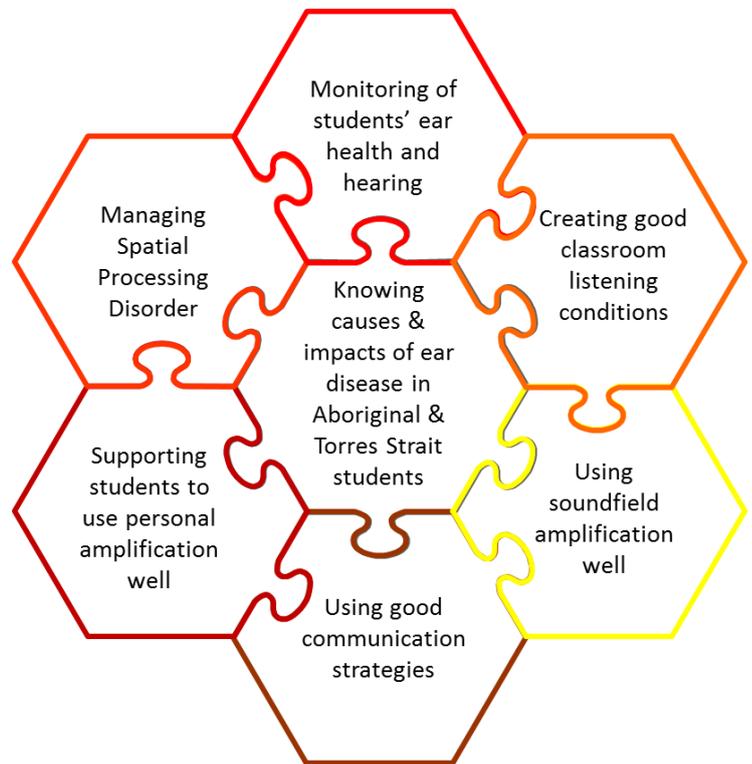
At any time in most classes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, as many as one in three students will be having trouble hearing because of current ear infection.

On top of this, many students will have had repeated ear infections during early childhood. This affects 'school readiness' and many will start school with a language delay.

Students who aren't hearing well have to put extra effort into listening, which takes brain resources away from learning.

Because the signs of hearing trouble can be subtle, it is challenging for teachers to know which students need help to hear better on any day.

A practical approach is to use strategies that give all students the best chance of hearing well, every day. To do this, we think skills and knowledge in seven key areas are needed.



The *Hear for School* program

Hear for School is a systematic, targeted professional development program that aims to build the capacity and capability of staff to support students' hearing and communication needs. The aim is to support schools to help all students to hear well, to contribute to achieving better learning outcomes.

The starting point is a school self-assessment. This identifies and prioritises your school's needs, from which a development program can be planned. The 45-60 minute sessions are delivered by our audiologists during our regular visits to your school, at no cost. They include hands-on and interactive activities, with written supporting material.

In the NT, participation in these sessions will help schools move along the Dept of Education's Now Hear continuum.

For more information

Talk to your visiting audiologist, visit our website <https://www.hearing.com.au/About-hearing/Aboriginal-Torres-Strait-Islanders/Hear-for-School-A-new-development-program-for-tea> or call us on 131 797.

About Australian Hearing

Australian Hearing is a federal government-funded agency. We support children and their families and eligible adults with hearing loss. We provide hearing aids and other hearing devices at no cost, other than a low annual fee that covers batteries and repairs.

We work in more than 230 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. In addition to clinical services, our audiologists provide training, including in classroom amplification, communication strategies and hearing aid use.