

Autism Spectrum Disorder research

Our goal: for every child with autism to learn to communicate

Autism Spectrum Disorder affects tens of thousands of families throughout Australia. However, its impact is often greatest when it affects a child's ability to communicate.

For example, as many as one in three children with autism begins school unable to speak in sentences.

That's why leading researchers such as speech pathologist Dr David Trembath are striving to reinvent the future for children with autism, and their families.

Based at the Menzies Health Institute Queensland at Griffith University, Dr Trembath and fellow researchers are united in their goal of ensuring every child with autism learns to communicate.

However, donor support is essential if this potentially life-changing research is to be sustained.

Through your generosity, our researchers can continue seeking greater knowledge that leads to positive change for those who need it most.



Autism affects one in every 100 Australians, but its impact reaches much further, touching the lives of individuals, loved ones, caregivers, the community and the economy.

In the process, autism creates enormous social, education, health and economic challenges.

“We need to identify and intervene early, and we know how to do this,” says Dr David Trembath, speech pathologist and researcher at the Menzies Health Institute Queensland at Griffith University.

“Our research can reinvent the futures of thousands of Australian children and their families by opening the gate to safe, healthy, happy, and connected lives.”

‘By helping children with autism to communicate, it opens up their world of learning, connection and opportunity. It changes their lives one word at a time’

– Dr David Trembath

At Griffith University, Dr Trembath is working towards goals including:

- Implementing the first ever service-wide language tracking system to identify and assist at-risk children
- Tailoring interventions to meet children’s individual needs
- Developing and funding an app allowing parents to teach their children to talk.

With your support, you share in this challenge to enrich and empower the lives of thousands of Australian children with autism, their families and support networks.

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