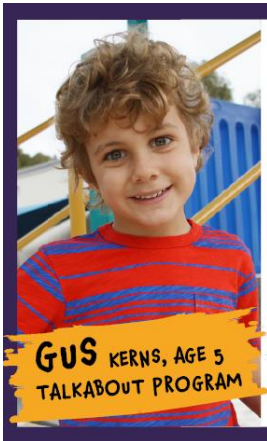


Gus's story

Loud Shirt Day



Meet Angus Kerns, also known as Gus. Gus has been a part of TSH's Talkabout Program since he was three years old and joined our program after his parents became aware of his speech delay during a child health nurse assessment.



"He has always been a happy, passionate child, however, we did notice he was unable to verbally communicate at a similar level when compared to his peers," said mum Stephanie.

"Gus was frequently frustrated by this which we noticed had some impact on his ability to regulate his emotions."

Gus' parents, Mark and Stephanie were advised by their speech pathologist about possible ongoing treatment options to enhance the speech and language development of their son.

"Mark and I are both physiotherapists and understand the importance of early intervention when it comes to the treatment of medical and physical conditions," said Stephanie. *"We were confident that with the right intervention, we could all work together to help Gus overcome his speech and language delay and give him every opportunity to enjoy both academic and social success in his primary and high school years."*

After researching all options for their son, Mark and Stephanie decided that for a number of reasons, TSH would best suit Gus' ongoing development. Twenty months on, both parents have noticed the huge improvement in Gus' speech, communication and behavioural skills, and have most enjoyed the sense of community provided by TSH.

"TSH provides us with an incredible level of support and a sense of community between teachers, assistants, allied health professionals, administrators, other parents and our family," said Stephanie.

"It recognises the challenges families face when supporting and educating a child with delays in development. We are always greeted with warmth, love and support by the staff at TSH. The professionalism and educational standards of the staff is second to none."

"[TSH] has provided Mark and I as parents, confidence in realising that Gus is in an environment that is centred around maximising his potential at this critical early stage of his language and speech development."



"There is no price you can put on giving your child the opportunity to be the best he or she could be. We are grateful TSH has given Gus this opportunity."

