

Aiden's Story

Loud Shirt Day 

Born with profound hearing loss in both ears, 6 year old Aiden Fyfe received dual cochlear implants in 2018. With his mum Chloe deaf in one ear, his family has lived experience around the world of hearing loss and being deaf.

Aiden has been supported by NextSense since they moved from Lake Cargelligo to Nahiack and commenced services with the Newcastle Office of NextSense.

Aiden's mum, Chloe has said that their experiences with NextSense have been "life changing".



Aiden's grandfather can remember how excited they were for him to learn to talk. Now, Chloe said it would be nice if he could be a bit quiet every so often.

Aiden wins the hearts of his clinicians including his Audiologist, Maree who has been seeing him since 2021.

Maree has seen great progress in Aiden, and he is a perfect example of how early intervention with childhood hearing loss makes such a profound difference on long term outcomes for young clients.

"Aiden is a delightful little boy who loves his cochlear implant speech processors and to hear. He insists on wearing one to bed! His speech has developed, and Aiden is going well in Year 1 at his local primary school with some support. Aiden has regular speech therapy locally. His mother Chloe has done an amazing job with all the travel involved to attend his appointments over the years", says Maree.

In Aiden's small country school in Nahiack NSW of about 150 pupils, three students have cochlear implants and several more have hearing aids.

Last year the school took part in Loud Shirt Day, with the school community getting behind the cause to support Aiden and his fellow students!

Like so many families, Aiden's Mum wants everyone to know that, *"My family and I are so thankful for NextSense and Maree's support, without them we wouldn't be where we are today!"*