

Is your child school ready?

It's important for kids to have good hearing when they start school. If they have trouble hearing they may find it difficult to understand the lessons and mix with other kids in the playground.

Make sure your child is ready to listen, learn and start the school year strong!

Book your free* face-to-face or telehealth hearing check today by calling 134 432.



It's never too early to get your kid's hearing checked.



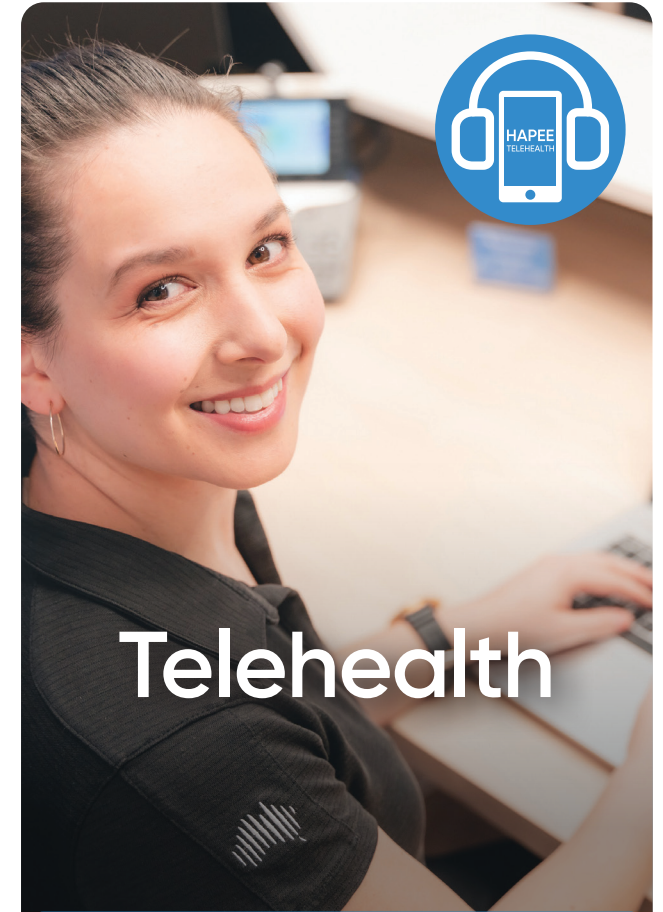
Give your Kids HAPEE ears today!

-  Call 134 432 for a free* face to face or telehealth hearing check
-  Visit hearing.com.au for more information

*The Hearing Assessment Program is an initiative of Hearing Australia and funded by the Australian Government. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children not yet attending full time school are eligible to be seen. All services provided under this program are free of charge. A hearing check includes a number of age-appropriate tests of hearing and middle ear function.

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Telehealth

HAPEE Ears For Early Years

Hearing Assessment Program – Early Ears

For many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids, ear and hearing trouble starts before they turn two. Good hearing helps young kids feel connected to family, friends, community, and culture.

Hearing Australia's HAPEE program provides free telehealth hearing checks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0 - 6 or not yet attending full time school.

Telehealth appointments allow you to access hearing health services and support from anywhere in Australia and from the comfort of your home.

You can choose a telehealth or face to face appointment depending on what suits you and your child's needs.

What is a telehealth appointment?

A telehealth appointment is an over the phone conversation where you can ask questions about your child's ears and hearing. An audiologist from the HAPEE team will also ask you questions about your child's ear and hearing health and provide ongoing support and advice to you.



How does a telehealth appointment work?

The telehealth process includes the following steps:

1

You can make a telehealth appointment by calling **Hearing Australia on 134 432**

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Your details will be taken over the phone and your appointment will be booked

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At the booked time, an audiologist from the HAPEE team will contact you by phone and the telehealth appointment will take place. The audiologist will assess your child by asking you a series of questions.

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After your child has been assessed, the audiologist will provide you with information and advice based on your concerns and the results of the appointment. The audiologist will provide you with on going support.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's hearing health you can book a telehealth appointment by calling **Hearing Australia on 134 432.**

Why ear and hearing health is important?

Serious ear and hearing troubles can start at any time, even soon after bubs are born. Often, kids and young bubs with infected ears may not show any signs of trouble.

Kids need good hearing to listen, yarn, and play. Poor hearing can lead to problems with speech, and it can stop them from fully participating in life. The good news is that ear troubles can be treated if your kids' ears are checked early and often.



Signs and symptoms of ear trouble

Watch out for these signs of poor ear health with your child:

- Runny ears
- Crusty ears
- Smelly ears
- Cotton wool in ears
- Swelling and redness behind ears
- Pulling at ears
- Constantly running nose: for more than two weeks

Even if your child is not showing any of these signs it's important to get their hearing checked early and often.