

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

BECAUSE EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO SHINE

Their change begins here: a journey of transformation for their future, empowered by you.



THE SCALE OF THE CHALLENGE:

- Over 4 million students across 9,600 schools
- Up to 40,000 students have epilepsy
- Almost every school will experience having at least one student with epilepsy



LEARNING IMPACTS:

Epilepsy impacts learning differently depending on the location of seizures in the brain and can hinder executive functions like:

- Speech and language
- Reading and numeracy
- Problem-solving
- Sequencing, planning, and organising
- Comprehension and memory

Missed school, medication side-effects, social anxieties and lack of teacher training exacerbate these challenges.

VOICES OF EXPERIENCE:

When we asked recent school-leavers about their school experience, they reported difficulty concentrating, understanding, and retaining information; lack of teacher understanding; low confidence; and minimal or ineffective learning support.



There is much to be done to reduce the educational barriers they face.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO SUCCEED:

OUR GOAL: GIVING CHILDREN WITH EPILEPSY THEIR CHANCE TO REACH FOR THE STARS!

Studies show that, along with early seizure control, improved multidisciplinary management is essential to minimise epilepsy's adverse effects on a child's education and future. Our program begins with understanding each child's unique journey. Through a comprehensive needs assessment and holistic approach, we can examine how epilepsy may impact all aspects of their life. Based on this, we can support each family to develop an Individual Service Plan with a tailored roadmap outlining specific goals and actions. This may involve strategies to support learning, facilitating communication with schools, and connecting families with relevant educational specialists.

A core component is a personalised Epilepsy Management Plan (EMP). Once documented this provides clear, step-by-step guidance for educators, carers, and families on how to respond effectively and safely during a seizure.



*Help us
break down
learning
barriers.*



A LASTING IMPACT: EMPOWERING EDUCATION FOR LIFE

A strong emphasis is providing both families and educators with crucial information and training on understanding epilepsy, managing medications, identifying potential seizure triggers, implementing safety precautions, and administering seizure first aid.

The goal is to empower everyone involved in the child's life with the confidence and skills to minimise risks and maximise the child's ability to fully participate and thrive in their educational journey and beyond.

A core component in our program will be the launch of an innovative 'Active Learning' e-Tool, accessible via phone, tablet or desktop, to allow families/teachers to input a child's specific learning challenges and generate personalised recommendations to guide classroom and home learning support. This is particularly vital for families who can't access available specialised learning assessment and supports due to location, waitlist, or cost.

Behind every statistic is a child with untapped potential.

We are seeking \$330,000 to fund our essential children's program for the coming year, including development and implementation of the Active Learning e-Tool, a critical step in bridging the gap between children with epilepsy and effective learning support.

Your donation will directly fund the interventions that allow individualised guidance, personalised learning plans, family support, and education, giving these children with epilepsy the very best chance to succeed in life. By investing in this program, you will be directly empowering children with epilepsy to overcome learning barriers and giving them a chance to thrive in their educational journey and beyond. Your generosity will change lives.

Please join us in empowering children living with epilepsy for the best outcome in life.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Families and teachers answer questions drawing out a child's learning challenges
- Materials developed by neuropsychologists, teachers, and occupational therapists
- E-tool generates tailored strategies for classroom and home
- Teaching and learning expectations are modified, based on individual need
- Each child is empowered with the tools to help them

*Working together, we can make a real
difference in giving these children and their
families the voice and support they need, for
a future they deserve.*

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