

To all the parents with children who have a hearing loss,

Our aim is to help establish support groups for parents whose children have been diagnosed with a hearing loss in Launceston, Hobart and on the NW Coast.

The concept is to provide a venue for parents and their children to meet together for social support on a regular basis. This may be monthly or perhaps every 2 months depending on what is wanted by parents.

At the initial meeting we have invited an adult with a hearing loss who can help to answer all or some of your questions regarding your child's abilities for their future.

We hope that the support groups will:

- Provide a social outlet and mutual support for families that have child/children with a hearing loss.
- Provide a meeting place that has a friendly social feel. This could be at a TASDEAF office or in members' homes or at cafes, for one hour or two.
- Have information days, guest speakers and other activities nominated by members of the group
- Liaise with Deaf Children Australia as they are able to provide information and other supports e.g. camps etc
- Be a place for children to meet other children with hearing loss

The attached letter is from a parent whose child has a hearing loss and who is passionately interested to establish a parent support group in Launceston.

Launceston

TASDEAF Launceston Shop 2 Quadrant Plaza,

7th February 1pm

(\$2 donation for refreshments)

Children are welcome and we have toys at Launceston and Hobart offices.

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