

BONE CONDUCTION TESTIMONIALS

I am so excited I thought you would like you to know I just had my first positive teacher interview in 4 years. I have always been told Hayley is failing miserably and that she is never going to get it.

This time all I heard was how well she is doing, in fact I was told that her Maths is good, bearing in mind she failed the basic skills test in maths just 6 months ago.

Bone Conduction really did turn on the lights, it's nearly 4 months since she finished and Hayley is still calmer and more importantly happier in not only herself but also her school work.

Marilyn

I hope this message finds you both well and happy! I just thought I would drop you a line and fill you in on all the amazing things that have been happening with Jamie since we last saw you!

We had a great holiday in Western Australia and Jamie coped so well with being a page boy in my brother's wedding and with all the changes to routines that holidays bring. We often find that holidays are a stressful time for Jamie and he doesn't always cope all that well. This time however, Jamie was calm and settled and was able to cope with all the excitement and enjoy his holiday activities!

Jamie has been back at school for nearly 2 weeks now and lots of people have commented to me that he has 'changed'. Even people who didn't know he has been having the listening therapy have noticed changes in his behaviour. He gives much better eye contact when people speak to him and seems much more focused in conversations. In the classroom Jamie's teacher has noticed that he is much less impulsive, seems to have more self-control and is able to 'wait his turn' and be more tolerant of others. Jamie has become much more organised and is completing his tasks in class. He actually approached the expressive arts teacher to organise an audition for the school performance all on his own initiative. He is actually enjoying writing tasks and his writing has improved significantly. He actually said the other day 'Going to Tracey's didn't make me do neater writing it just made me want to do my neat writing and made it easier for me to do my neat writing'. I thought 'Wow'!! He has suddenly become an avid reader and although his reading had already improved significantly prior to the listening program he is now reading beginning novels and can't wait to read the next chapter!

When I used to pick Jamie up from school he was often very tired and ended up being cross and grumpy with me. Since we have returned from our holiday however, I get greeted every afternoon with 'Hi Mum, how was your day? Can you please come and help me pack my bag?' It's like a different child!

We are all so thrilled with the progress Jamie is making and in particular the way he is feeling about himself as a learner and a friend. It is all very exciting and we wish to thank you both sincerely for making such a difference to Jamie and to us!

Which brings me to my other reason for contacting you! I have been so impressed with the results Jamie has had with the listening program, it has made me think about other children I know at school and how I'm sure they would benefit too. I have already given your phone number to quite a few people! I feel that you are able to make a much bigger difference for individual children than I ever can in a classroom setting. Thank you for your help and a big thank you once again for the difference you have made for Jamie.

These are some comments that Jamie has made about his experiences with listening therapy and bone-conduction. I hope some of them are useful for you.

Kind regards, Mandi Dimitriadis

JAMIE'S JOURNAL ON HIS THERAPY

- Going to Tracey's didn't make my writing neater. It made me want to do my neat writing and it made it easier for me to do my best
- 'I know how it works! The CD goes around and around in the walkman and that makes the music travel up the wires into my headphones. When it reaches the headphones it gets into my ears and then it goes through my bones and into my brain. The music tells my brain how to think and it makes me good.'
- 'My writing is heaps better. You should have seen it last year- it was all over the place!!!'
- 'I like listening to the music. My favourite place to listen to it is when I am snuggled up in my Mum's bed. It makes me feel safe especially if the music has sad bits.'
- 'I thought I was never going to be the best at anything but today in my class I was the fastest runner. I think I am the strongest too'
- 'My therapy has helped me to be better at basketball because now I listen to what the coach says and he helps me to play properly.'
- 'I have wonderful news.....I can read novels now!!'
- 'I know I am better now because I don't pinch Andrew's stuff and run off anymore. Now I just tell him what I'm cross about'
- 'I can make good choices now! Today I was going to stay in the playground after the recess bell rang but then I remembered that I make good choices now and I went back to my class'
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- 'You are like a reminding machine Mum, because when I see you waiting outside my classroom it reminds me to pack up my bag and use a happy voice when I see you.'
'Everyone should go to Tracey's. It doesn't matter who you are it will make you the best you can be'.

Jamie Dimitriadis 2006