

MAILI

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Maili is in Year 10 at Georges River College, Peakhurst Campus in the Physical Support Unit. She has been a member of the Student Representative Council at her school from years 7 to 10. This has involved public speaking at formal assemblies, attending leadership sessions both at school and SRC camps and has been actively involved in school fundraising events. She has danced in the annual Peakform Night in front of her peers.

Maili loves to dance and attends Twinkle Stars and Star Performers Dance Academy, a dancing school for children with disability. Maili has been involved in two concerts

and this year will perform with the academies Show Group on the Gold Coast. She recently won the perpetual

trophy for consistency throughout the year at her dance concert.

We were involved in EarlyEd from 2004 to 2009. Maili initially had one on one sessions with Julia, special educator and Jenny B, physiotherapist. She then moved to group sessions, attending groups for approximately two years before moving onto the transition to school sessions.

EarlyEd came into our lives when we most needed assistance. At a time when we were struggling to know how to help Maili, we received a phone call from Simone, the then Director at EarlyEd inviting our family to the North Sydney centre.

From that very first meeting with Julia and Jenny, we were not only given strategies and exercises to assist with Mail's development, but also given emotional support. This continued right throughout our EarlyEd journey.

Maili's confidence has always been something that has been important to us. EarlyEd always encouraged confidence and this has assisted her to achieve throughout her schooling life. Confidence has allowed Maili to be social, to ask for help and be comfortable around her peers.

As a parent I felt very privileged to be invited to be on the EarlyEd Management Committee. Starting out as a committee member, then secretary to becoming President. I was so very lucky to be involved with the wonderful team and to learn about Early Intervention. I too learned skills that I didn't know I had and of course made many friendships along the way.



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