

Donation helps Nicholas walk



Earlier this year, our Bethany Early Intervention team had a special request. They wanted to know if there was a donor we could approach who would fund a special “walker” needed to help one of their children learn to walk. One of Mater Dei’s benefactors responded immediately with funds to buy this vital piece of equipment. Bethany’s Manager, Vida Carmody, writes....

“We are very pleased to enclose this photograph of Nicholas who is now able to walk short distances unassisted. Nicholas began pushing the Mullholand walker and has progressed with patience and practice to independent mobility. He will probably always need the assistance of a wheel chair or other aid to walk long distances, however, the walker has enabled him to progress this far. Naturally, Nicholas’s family, friends and Bethany staff are thrilled with his progress. His mum cried when he took his first steps unaided and will be forever grateful for the donation which made this happen. Nicholas’s family now wish to donate the walker back to Bethany so another child may be able to use it as appropriate. I guess that is one reason why so many of us work and support these special children, to share the sense of success, achievement and elation when the children make progress.”