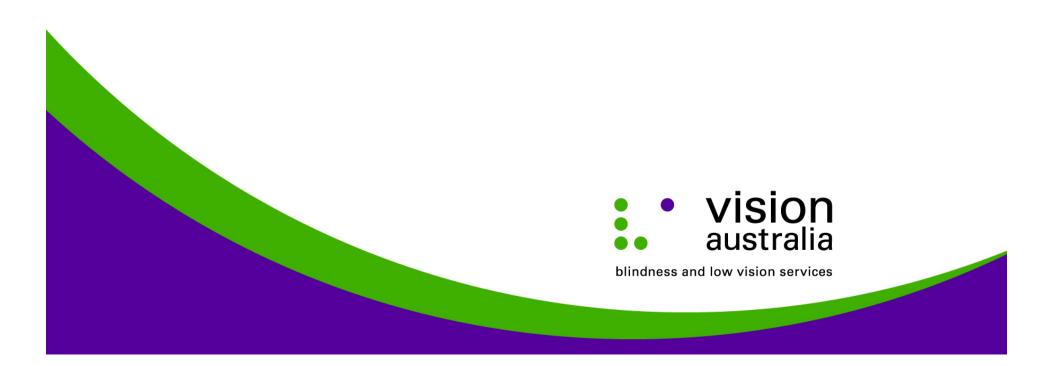
How do we as educators support families to explore this new phenomenon - the iPad?



Embracing the technology

 our journey as educators responding to families questions and queries, being overwhelmed by the amount of information being disseminated by blindness agencies and professionals, and funding options



Family Group Sessions

- 'I left feeling really excited and really hopeful"
- "I know now where the support is and where to get help if I need it in the future"
- "I was a bit overwhelmed but I guess its an overview; it's a start'
 - "it's great just to meet and spend time with other parents"



Exploring the possibilities with families

 Not being the experts but knowing enough about the iPad to be able to help families become "teachers for their children"

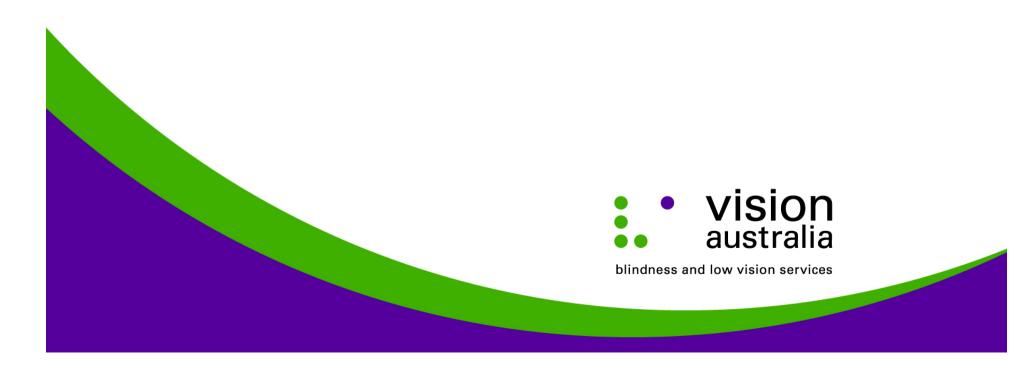


A case study

• Vedansh, and his parents Ashish and Abhi



Using the technology with children with vision impairment and other complex needs



Some iPad 'apps' families and children have found useful

- Baby Karaoke
- Peek a Boo Farm
- I Love Fireworks
- Talking Tom
- Tap to talk
- Icommunicate
- Fluidity HD (very bright)
- Balloon Pop
 - Tap-n-See Lite
 - BabyLook Tickle



Tips and tricks on finding the right iPad

- perkins website, Appsolutely Engaging and Educational. and wonderbaby.org
- WayCoolApptivities for Educational Settings
- The Braille Institute of America
- Education department websites
 - the best, the most relevant source other parents



A families perspective

I'm really excited to see something that she can use that the other kids are using



Technology continues to evolve

 As educators and parents we cannot hope to know everything. But we do need to be open to the possibilities. We need to see the iPad as a new tool in the ever growing tool box that children who are blind or have low vision will be using.

