



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **BRITTNEY GOES TO SCHOOL**

Starting school is a big event for any five year old, but for Brittney McKenna, of Campbelltown, it's been monumental.

She was diagnosed at birth with spinal muscletrophy and has spent the last six months in Campbelltown Hospital and, for the six months before that, in other hospitals in Sydney and Brisbane.

It was only by a remarkable team effort on the part of dedicated medical and nursing staff at Campbelltown Hospital and her parents that she is now a happy and enthusiastic school student at St Helens Park Public School, Campbelltown.

According to Brittney's father, Andrew McKenna, the unspoken hero through it all has been Brittney's doctor, Dr Rick Dunstan, of Campbelltown Hospital, who has put more into helping his daughter and the family than anyone could believe.

"He is always available at any time of the day or night, on weekends, holidays, whatever. Sometimes, after he'd dealt with a problem, his wife would ring us back to see if everything was OK. It was over and above what anyone would expect."

Brittney's mother, Debbie, also praised Dr Dunstan and the nursing staff at Campbelltown Hospital. "I'm so glad we're at Campbelltown, and not one of the big metropolitan hospitals. We get fantastic personal, caring attention and because its close to home, we have some chance of living a normal life.

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