

CAMIRA

Finn's bright future

EARLY INTERVENTION HELPS AUTISTIC KIDS

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AFTER only a few short months at AEIOU Foundation's Camira Centre, a family has a brighter outlook for their son.

Autistic two-year-old Finn Cupitt has shown drastic intellectual and behavioural improvements through early intervention methods used by AEIOU since starting at the centre in January.

He was diagnosed in September last year but is quickly showing progression, such as starting to string sentences together.

"He's putting two words together, before he was only doing one word like 'Mum', 'Dad' ... but now he's saying 'one, two', and 'all done'," mum Natalie Cupitt said.

Mrs Cupitt has nothing but praise for the foundation, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

"You're not trialling things on your child and they communicate with you about what you have to do at home," Mrs Cupitt said.

The Federal Government could save as much as \$1.2 billion if early intervention was provided to all

Australian children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), a recent study said.

A recent AEIOU commissioned cost-analysis showed every \$1 spent on early intervention saved \$11.

The cost of autism to Australia's economy is an esti-

mated \$9.7 billion every year, or \$87,000 per autistic person.



Finn Cupitt with mum Natalie, dad Cameron and Blake.

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Algerian boy Finn Cupitt, 2, attends the AEIOU centre at Camira which is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

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