

"Sensory Snips" at Bloom Therapy

Celebrating Autism Awareness in May 2017

It's common knowledge that many children will experience sensory overload when faced with a visit to the hair salon or barbershop. The **sounds** (blow dryers, loud voices, buzzing clippers), the **smells** (hair colours, shampoo, hairsprays) and the **tactile** sensations (fingers/hands, capes, hairbrushes, water sprays) can result in a traumatic experience for children with sensory processing disorders or other special needs.



Carrie and Laura Hudson

As Director and speech pathologist at Bloom Therapy, Carrie Hudson has heard many stories over the years from families who have had negative experiences when attempting a visit to the salon or barber shop. An activity that is so simple for most kids can be truly upsetting for parents and carers of a child with special or sensory needs.

In addition to hearing about these experiences first hand from families, Carrie has also had an "inside look" into the exciting world of hairdressing through her sister Laura Hudson, 2016 and 2017 Queensland Hairdresser of the Year Finalist and owner of Laura Hudson Hair Design on Brisbane's Southside. Carrie and Laura share a mutual passion for raising awareness and supporting people with special needs, so having the opportunity to collaborate on a project like "Sensory Snips" is a dream come true.

Bloom's speech and occupational therapists will be teaming up with Laura and her talented staff to offer children (aged 2 – 7) with sensory processing issues the opportunity to have their hair trimmed and/or styled in the beautiful and sensory conscious surrounds of the Bloom Therapy clinic. The program will run across two days, with children attending the Bloom clinic on **Monday 8th May 2017** for an individual meet, greet and play session, and then again on the following **Monday 15th May 2017** for Sensory Snips Day, where we hope they will experience a calm and enjoyable trim and/or style.

We are asking for a minimum gold coin donation from each family participating in the program and will also be fundraising online to help Autism Queensland provide education, therapy and support services for children and adults living with autism.

Spots are strictly limited so we encourage any interested families to contact us ASAP on 3343 2141 or contact@bloomtherapy.com.au to secure your child doesn't miss out on this wonderful event

