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**TESTING:** Logan Village prep students Jack Nolan and Zac Howell, both aged five, were among the first students to participate in the hearing test program.

## Logan students to hear well

LOGAN Village State School has been the first school in Logan to have students' hearing screened after the launch of the School Hearing Screening Program.

The program was launched by Hear and Say to mark World Hearing Day and demand has been strong, with more than 40 schools signing up.

Logan Village State School principal Alan Bunce said he was excited to be the first Logan school involved in the program.

"With more than 200 students in the school to be

screened, we can now provide teachers and parents with greater reassurance that students can hear and therefore are in the best position to learn," he said.

Hear and Say has been working with Logan Together to identify opportunities for Logan children to receive optimal access to hearing, listening and speaking, with the aim of providing the best learning environment.

Director of Logan Together Matthew Cox said the partnership had been hugely valuable, as the shared priority was to ensure children

received the most from their education.

After the successful pilot program in 2015, Hear and Say CEO Chris McCarthy said the organisation had expected to find about 15 per cent of students to have an incidence of hearing loss.

However, the pilot demonstrated that many more students were falling through the cracks when it came to hearing in the classroom.

"We found that more than 23 per cent of students, at any time, were experiencing some level of hearing loss," Mr McCarthy said.