

# DITTO a great new distraction

A REMARKABLE technological innovation developed in Queensland is helping sick kids facing painful medical procedures.

The hand-held DITTO, a new digital diversional therapy tool developed by Brisbane-based company Diversional Therapy Technologies, reduces anxiety-related pain by engaging a child in games, stories and movies, all of which are interactively stimulated under the child's control to distract them during a wide range of often upsetting medical procedures.

Capalaba MP Michael Choi said children at the Redland Hospital would benefit from the new technology.

Mr Choi praised the extraordinary difference the technology is making for Queensland kids in hospital.

"The DITTO device has been clinically proven to significantly lower pain and anxiety during medical procedures. DITTO means less time is spent trying to calm and soothe young patients," he said.

"The device is appropriate for children of all ages with a wide variety of medical conditions.

"It also offers fun modes of interaction through touch screen and motion sensor technology. The DITTO is also waterproof, which makes it highly versatile in a hospital setting."



CHECKING out one of the new DITTO devices is Redland Hospital patient Adela Thomson, 6, of Cleveland with Clinical Facilitator for Paediatrics, Dania Bryant. Photo by WENDY CHUNG

