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## TALIA AND COOPER'S STORY

## Talia and Cooper resided in our Transitional Housing Plus product for 5 years on the Mid North Coast before transitioning into a private rental home.

We were first introduced to Talia and Cooper and their 13-month son, Morris, by their support service YP Space MNC in September 2017. At this time, they were living in overcrowded homes moving between both of their families dwellings as well as trying to complete their high school studies at the young age of 16. They were desperate to have their own space as family relationships were strained and some were toxic. They wanted a place they could call their home in a safe location, preferably close to CBD as neither had their driver license.

We were able to provide them a two-bedroom ground floor unit in a leafy, strata managed complex one street back from the main CBD where they resided for 5 whole years, grew their family and developed their financial independence. Cooper is now a fully qualified painter leaving school in Year 11 to pursue and complete an apprenticeship and Tahlia is now managing a busy restaurant in the central CBD after successfully maintaining employment in the hospitality industry in between having their second baby boy, Harry!

As they were set to transition out of their $5^{\text {th }}$ and final year, the rental housing crisis was dismal, however they stayed confident and focussed, ensuring they had savings including all of their tax money and an excellent rental ledger and property care history. This preparedness and history, despite the rental crisis meant they were offered the second home they applied for and now have a garden for the boys to play in.

Here's what Talia and Cooper told us about the impact this safe and stable housing had on their lives: crucial stepping stone in allowing us freedom and stability while we established a life as a family and started our careers.

