

# Our Speech Pathologists...

- Welcome children and adolescents to our clinic.
- Conduct a thorough assessment to tailor the most appropriate therapy.
- Use the latest resources, technology and evidence based practices.
- Update skills regularly through conferences and workshops.
- Regularly present to teachers, parents and colleagues about communication problems and how to help.
- Strive to be supportive, respectful and understanding when helping children fulfil their potential.
- Acknowledge that parents have expert knowledge on their child.
- Help parents understand their child's communication disorder, why it is happening, how it can be helped and the value of speech therapy in this process.
- Comprise a team of dedicated, experienced and caring professionals.



*Family friendly centre*



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*Learning to Talk*



*Talking to Learn*



**Speech Pathology Services**

## Your child may need to see a Speech Pathologist if .....

- They are a late talker and having trouble using clear words.
- Their speech is unclear.
- They are having trouble expressing themselves using grammatically correct sentences.
- They are stuttering.
- They find it difficult to understand questions, concepts and directions.
- They are experiencing difficulty socialising with other children.
- They are experiencing reading, writing or spelling difficulties.
- They have difficulties eating, drinking or swallowing.
- They have a disability such as an autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy or a global developmental delay.
- Our speech pathologists are registered for Medicare Rebates, Private Health Rebates and FaHCSIA Helping Children with Autism and Better Start Initiatives.



## Speech Pathologists... can help in many different areas of communication



### FIRST WORDS

Speech Pathologists help children who are late to talk. Toddlers who lack communication skills often experience frustration and behavioural difficulties. Therapy frequently involves giving parents practical ideas to follow through with at home.

### SPEECH SOUNDS

Speech Pathologists help a children move their mouth in the correct way to pronounce sounds clearly. Communicating with clarity allows a child to confidently socialise with others and establish foundations for literacy.

### PRAGMATICS/SOCIAL SKILLS

Children with communication difficulties often struggle to learn the how to socially interact and play appropriately. They may struggle with non-verbal skills like eye contact, body language and facial expressions or find it difficult to master the "art of conversation".

### EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE

Speech Pathologists help children who struggle to express themselves in correctly formed sentences. Speech Therapy can assist children to expand their vocabulary and support their foundation oral language skills for school.

### UNDERSTANDING

When children find it hard to understand questions and instructions they may appear withdrawn, noncompliant, disruptive or confused. These children may have a genuine language comprehension problem which could be assisted with Speech Therapy.

### LITERACY (Reading & Spelling)

Children who struggle with literacy learning may have underlying speech and language difficulties. Poor phonological awareness skills (blending and sounding out words) often contributes to these difficulties. Speech Pathologists have specialist skills to assist children who have language based learning difficulties.