



Speech Pathology

Speech pathologists specialise in assessing and treating communication disorders, including difficulties with speaking, listening, understanding language, reading, writing, social skills, stuttering and using voice.

Telecare speech pathology services are customised to the needs of the individual child and designed to be highly engaging. Telecare sessions may include comprehensive assessments, individual and group therapy. Children are screened at the beginning to determine individual goals and how best to achieve these.

What do you need for Speech Telecare sessions?

- A private and safe space for Telecare sessions
- An adult (e.g. staff member, parent) to supervise and support the sessions.
- A computer, laptop or tablet/iPad with a camera, microphone, speaker and a good internet connection.

Detailed information on requirements can be found in our [*Telecare Set-up*](#) handout.

Comprehensive Assessments

Comprehensive assessments are recommended for children with complex presentations or multiple areas of need.

The speech pathologist will conduct an in-depth assessment of your child's communication and/or literacy skills. You will be provided with a report describing your child's profile of strengths and areas for development. Speech pathologists' reports can be used to support applications for funding and educational supports.

Individual Speech Therapy

- Individual therapy supports children experiencing difficulties with:
 - Speech sound production, i.e. pronunciation
 - Using and understanding language
 - Phonological awareness/early literacy skills
 - Pragmatic language/social skills: play or interactions with peers/adults
 - Stuttering

- Sessions are typically provided on a weekly basis
- Sessions may involve the speech pathologist working with the child, and/or supporting the child through working with parents/carers and school staff.

Group Speech Therapy

- Group therapy is ideal for children with mild difficulties in:
 - Using and understanding language
 - Phonological awareness/early literacy skills
- A group can have up to four children from the same grade who have similar therapy goals.
- Group programs focus on upskilling the therapy aid to conduct the therapy. The clinician conducts weekly sessions and provides sessions plans for follow up activities for the therapy aid and/or teacher to conduct.

Please contact our Telecare team to discuss how this program may support your child or student

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