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# **WHAT IS A SPEECH PATHOLOGIST?**

A speech pathologist sees children who experience difficulties with talking or understanding language, including the social use of language as needed in conversing with others, asking for help etc. Advice is available to families in regards to encouraging language development at home. Speech pathologists also work with children who have problems eating, drinking or other oral motor issues.

**WHEN TO SEEK SUPPORT**

Speech pathology support would be necessary for a child who has speech and language delays. These may be in expressive language (i.e. the child’s ability to express themselves and be understood by others) or receptive language (i.e. the child’s ability to take in and process language to understand instructions etc.). **It is important to check if the child is having difficulty hearing if there are concerns about the child’s speech and language development.**

**HOW TO REFER**

Contact the pathologist directly. A referral is not needed. A parent can call and make an appointment for their child.

The following list contains a variety of Speech Pathologists in the Wyndham area - this list is not exhaustive and the PSFO Service do not endorse any service listed. Please contact the service direct for more information and details of charges.

You can also refer to the Speech Pathology Australia website to search for a Speech Pathologist within your area – [www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au](http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au) . See the “Find a Speech Pathologist” link.

Families may be able to obtain Medicare rebates (up to 5 allied health rebates per calendar year) to patients who are referred by a GP under the Chronic Disease Management Plan (CDMP) - please refer to the section “**How to get Medicare rebates for seeing** **therapists**” on page 49 for more information.

**Usually a speech pathologist will request the child to have a hearing test completed before a speech assessment is completed.**

**Free hearing tests are available through Wyndham Health Care at 233 Heaths Rd Werribee 3030, ph: 9749 2766. These are bulk billed and require a referral from a doctor.**

\*Please Note\* Children may be eligible for Community Health Speech Pathology through IPC Health.

There are criteria that must be met in order to be eligible.

For eligibility criteria please contact your local IPC Health Service <https://www.ipchealth.com.au/locations/> or speak to your child’s Educators / PSFO. There is a waitlist for these services.

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| **WESTERN SPEECH PATHOLOGY SERVICES**  Address: 155 Railway Avenue  Laverton VIC 3028  Tel: 0417 571 791 or 0411 139 523  Email: office@westernspeech.com.au  Web: westernspeech.com.au | Services Provided | Speech Therapy |
| Usual waiting times | 6 months |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**  We provide school readiness programs and social skills programs. | |
| **LANGUAGE FOR LIFE SPEECH PATHOLOGY**  118 Derrimut Road  Hoppers Crossing 3029  Tel: 8714 1751 / 1300 9898 07  Email: enquiries@languageforlife.com.au  Web: languageforlife.com.au | Services Provided | OT, Speech Therapy, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Dietetic, Art Therapy & Music Therapy, Counselling, Social Worker, Plan management, Audiology, Support Coordination, Allied Health Assistance, NDIS Funding Application Assistance, and Household Tasks, Positive Behavioral Support |
| Usual waiting times | **In-Clinic Sessions:** Speech, OT and Psychology: In-clinic sessions – 12 months Art Therapy, Dietetics, Physiotherapy - Spots available   **Mobile therapy (areas covered):** OT – Southern Melbourne - Spots available / Western Melbourne - 12 months waitlist  Speech Therapy – Central Melbourne - Spots available / Western Melbourne - 12 months waitlist  Physiotherapy – Northern Melbourne, South East Melbourne - Spots available  Music Therapy - Western Melbourne, Preston - Spots available   **Telehealth Sessions Available:** Telehealth sessions for Speech therapy, OT, Psychology, Dietetics, Music Therapy, Art Therapy, Social Worker and Counselling and **NO WAITLIST** |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info:**   * We accept clients across Australia for Telehealth Therapy sessions (online video sessions done via Zoom). * Experienced therapists working with children, adolescents, adults and aged. * Apart from Therapy services we also provide Plan management Service, Support Coordination, NDIS Funding Application Assistance, and Household Tasks. * From 2025 onwards, we have included the new Therapy services, Audiology, Allied Health Assistance and Positive Behavioral Support   **Diverse range of expertise area services:**   * **Speech:** Autism, Articulation difficulties, Language, Fluency (stuttering) and Literacy, learning difficulties in the area of Social Skills, handwriting, activities of daily living, sensory skills and adults with swallowing and communication difficulties. * **Psychology:** Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Anxiety, Depression, Autism, ADHD, Addiction, Interpersonal relationship issues, Eating disorders, Grief & Loss * **Occupational Therapy:** Developmental Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Behavioral Issues, Mood disorders (eg depression), Anxiety disorders, Cerebral Palsy, DIR Floortime, Learn to Play (Karen Stagnitti), Parent Coaching, SPARK communication (Hanen strategies), Handwriting, Sensory Processing * **Physiotherapy:** Hands-on treatment, exercise prescription and management techniques to prevent and minimize the impact of injury, coordination issues, abnormal tone, acquired orthopedic injuries and movement disorders like cerebral palsy. * **Dietetics:** Eating disorders, food intolerances and allergies, physical and cognitive disabilities, fussy eating, nutritional deficiencies and chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. * **Music Therapy:** Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Dementia, Alzheimer’s, Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID), Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Bipolar Disorder (BP), Depression, Down Syndrome (DS), Intellectual Palsy (ID), Cerebral Palsy (CP) * **Art Therapy:** Autism, Spirituality wellbeing, Emotional regulation, Mental health challenges, Navigating trauma, Self-care, Relationship building, Mindfulness * **Counselling:** Substance abuse, mental health such as anxiety, BPD and complex trauma. Family violence * **Social Worker:** Parentingsupport, Prenatal and postnatal mental health, Anxiety, Neurodiversity, Social/emotional skills development, Emotional regulation, Behavior challenges. * Clinic Base/Telehealth/Home visit/School & kinder visit/Group and Centre Based Activities/Therapeutic Support * Online Appointment Bookings * Assessments available for all the services * Open on Saturdays as well   We offer group programs like Secret Agent Society (SAS) and Tuning Into Kids (TIK), but we do not currently provide school readiness programs. | |

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| **WELL SAID CLINIC**  49 Derrimut Road  Werribee 3030  Tel – 1300 773 324  Web: wellsaidclinic.com.au  Email: info@wellsaidclinic.com.au | Services Provided | Speech Therapy |
| Usual waiting times | 12+ months (wait list currently open) |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes (with EPC from GP) |
| **PUMPKIN HOUSE SPEECH PATHOLOGY**  Danica Djaja  Unit 311/ 101 Overton Road  Williams Landing 3027  Tel: (03) 7035 6204  Mob: 0427 388 798  Email: admin@pumpkinhousespeech.com  Web: pumpkinhousespeechpathology.com.au | Services Provided | Speech pathology intervention |
| Usual waiting times | 12 months or more |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**  Providing speech pathology assessment and intervention for children aged 0-6 years. I work with children who have:   * Speech delay or disorder, including those with dyspraxia * Language delay or disorder * Autism * Global developmental delay   Hours of operation: Tuesday to Friday 9am-5pm | |
| **SPEECH EASE SPEECH PATHOLOGY**  Suite 316, 101 Overton Road  Williams Landing, 3027  Tel: 8645 3747  Email: info@speechease.com.au  Web: speechease.com.au | Services Provided | Speech Therapy |
| Usual waiting times | 2-4 weeks, depending on time and child’s needs |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | We provide services to NDIS participants but are not registered with NDIS |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**  At Speech Ease, all our staff are trained, dedicated Speech Pathologists registered with Speech Pathology Australia. We have a variety of backgrounds and special interest areas and each team member is allocated to their patients according to their specific needs and family requirements.  We service Point Cook, Williams Landing, Laverton, Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, Truganina, Tarneit, Wyndham, Seabrook, Altona Meadows, West Melbourne, Kensington, Melbourne CBD,  North Melbourne, Flemington | |

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| **SPLASH PAEDIATRIC THERAPY**  Wyndham Private Medical Centre  Level 1, 242 Hoppers Lane  Werribee 3030  Tel: 8731 6555  Email: info@splashtherapy.com.au  Web: www.splashtherapy.com.au | | Services Provided | OT and Speech Pathology |
| Usual Waiting Time | Waitlist closed at Dec 2021 |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes (CDMP for OT & Speech & MHCP for OT) |
| **Additional Info**   * Provide service for children with mild to significant developmental issues * We run eating groups, based on Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) approach, can be offered individually * Can offer home and kinder/childcare services * Can offer Professional Development sessions for educators and parents * Provide an evidence-based quality private practice that works in partnerships with parents and educators to provide goal directed intervention with measurable functional outcomes | |
| **MORE THAN HEARING**  Wyndham Health Care  233 Heaths Road  Hoppers Crossing 3029  Tel: 9589 5122  Email: [hearing@morethanhearing.com.au](mailto:hearing@morethanhearing.com.au)  Web: morethanhearing.com.au | | Services Provided | Audiology, Speech Pathology |
| Bulk Billing? | Yes – audiology only |
| **VANESSSA STONE**  **CHATTY CHILDREN SPEECH PATHOLOGY**  Suite A, 237-239 Hogans Road,  Hoppers Crossing 3029  Mob: 0406 065 902  Email: [chattychildren@bigpond.com](mailto:chattychildren@bigpond.com) | | Services Provided | Speech Pathology |
| Usual waiting times | 6-8 months (but can do assessments more immediately if needed urgently) |
| Bulk Billing? | For refugee families who attend the clinic during school hours |
| NDIS Provider? | Self managed and plan managed |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**  **Hours of operation:**  Monday & Tuesday: 8:00am – 3:00pm  Wed & Thursday: 8:30am – 5:00pm  Areas of expertise Autism, speech and language development and literacy. | |
| **INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES**  Tel: 0400 825 344  Email: charlievella@bigpond.com  Web: [www.inspiringpossibilities.com.au](http://www.inspiringpossibilities.com.au) | Services Provided | OT and Speech Therapy  (Telehealth only) |
| Usual waiting times | 2 weeks for Telehealth and 2 months for face to face |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**  We do after hours and weekends. | |

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| **THE HELIPAD**  95 Morris Road  Hoppers Crossing 3029  Tel: 0431 905 288  Email: info@thehelipad.com.au  Web: www.thehelipad.com.au  Contact – Hailey Barratt & Georgia Drayton | Services Provided | Speech Pathology |
| Usual waiting times | Wait list closed for 1:1 speech pathology sessions. Spots for school readiness and parent & toddler groups becoming available in early 2024. |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | No – but we do work with families who self-manage or have a plan manager with their NDIS plans |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes (Chronic Disease Management Plan/EPC Plan; HCWA Medicare rebates) |
| **Additional Info**  Hours of operation: 10.30am – 6:30pm Monday to Friday  Specialisations: Language, school readiness and literacy | |
| **EARLY START AUSTRALIA** (formerly Children’s Speech & OT)  25/2-14 Station Place  Werribee 3030  Tel: 9731 7583  Email: werribee@earlystartaustralia.com.au  Web: earlystartaustralia.com.au | Services Provided | Speech and Occupational Therapy |
| Usual Waiting Time | Depends on needs |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info** | |
| **Bubs & Todds Speech Pathology**  Forsyth Park Medical Centre  200 Forsyth Road Cnr Sayers Road  Truganina, VIC 3029  Tel: 8360 5359  Email: office@bubsandtodds.com.au  Web: bubsandtodds.com.au | Services Provided | Speech Therapy for 0-3 years |
| Usual waiting times | 8-10 months |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Self-managed and plan-managed patients |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes, with a GP care plan; rebate is $53 (out of pocket gap fee applies) |
| **Additional Info**   * Assessment and intervention for feeding and swallowing difficulties. * Assessment and intervention for early communication development.   Referrals accepted for children under 3 years old.  Waitlist is currently closed due to clinic's limited capacity. However, urgent assessment for feeding or swallowing difficulties for infants under 12 months old are still being accepted. | |
| **CHANGE FOR LIFE**  136 Derrimut Road  Hoppers Crossing, Vic 3029  Tel: 8742 4302  Email: info@changeforlife.com.au  Web: changeforlife.com.au | Services Provided | Speech Therapy, Psychology, Assessments, School Readiness Groups/Social Groups |
| Usual Waiting Time |  |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes, with Medicare Plan |
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| **NEUROJUNIOR ALLIED HEALTH NETWORK**  Suite 3, Ground Floor, 236 Hoppers Lane, Werribee, Vic 3030  Tel – 1300 13 16 19  Email – hello@neurojunior.au  Web – nrah.com.au/neurojunior | Services Provided | Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Exercise Physiology, Neuropsychology, Westmead Feelings Program, School Readiness Assessments, Learning and IQ Assessments, ADHD Diagnostic Assessments, Psychology, Behaviour Support, Music Therapy, Dietetics, Allied Health Assistants |
| Usual Waiting Time | 1-6 weeks |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**  Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm and can provide therapy in our clinic, the home, community, school or via telehealth. We provide family-centred, evidence-based therapy for children and young people under 18 years of age. Our experienced team love to support kids and teens with neurodevelopmental conditions and neurodisability. We keep therapy fun and motivating, so let’s work together to achieve your best. | |
| **SPROUT LEARNING SPEECH PATHOLOGY**    15 Linmax Court  Point Cook VIC 3030    Contact info (Tel/Email/Website):  0493 062 126  [hello@sproutlearning.com.au](mailto:hello@sproutlearning.com.au)  [www.sproutlearninggroup.com.au](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sproutlearninggroup.com.au%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cpsfo.Service%40wyndham.vic.gov.au%7Cc681659238204b0ba63d08dafdb0a857%7Cccedce2eab9f4e51bb3d3c6e2171f03e%7C0%7C1%7C638101232444235105%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NprpPE5gGxXZtdPgsTKfqBLjf9B%2BTkDIBsZ5cKEA%2B9E%3D&reserved=0) | Services Provided | Speech Pathology |
| Usual Waiting Time | Within 2-4 weeks for an assessment  Within 3-6 weeks for therapy |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | We accept plan and self-managed NDIS participants |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes, we accept care plans |
| **Additional Info**  At Sprout Learning, we provide personalized, evidence-based speech therapy. Our flexible service options include in-clinic sessions, school-based support, and online consultations, ensuring accessible care for every family. With a focus on family-centred and play-based approaches, we empower children and their parents to confidently reach their goals.  We runs school readiness program, called Kindergarten Concepts, and run various special interest social groups in the school term as well as school holiday periods.  We are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 7pm | |

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| **CONNECTED KIDS SPEECH PATHOLOGY**  Shop 2, 139 Railway Place  Williamstown 3016  Tel – 9958 8722  Email – connectspeechpathology@hotmail.com  Web – connectedkidsspeechpathology.com.au | Services Provided | | Speech Pathology |
| Usual Waiting Time | | Varies depending on needs of child |
| Bulk billing? | | No |
| NDIS Provider? | | Third party plan managed or self-managed funds |
| Medicare rebates? | | Yes |
| **Additional Info**  Telehealth appointments available in Victoria  School holiday special interest groups – more info on Facebook pages  Term based groups (including kindergarten age group) | | |
| **HEALTHY KIDS AT PLAY**  19a Princes Hwy  Werribee VIC 3030  Tel: 9071 3076  Email: admin@healthykidsatplay.com.au | Services Provided | OT, Speech Pathology, Functional Assessments, Positive Behaviour Therapy, Counselling Services, | |
| Usual Waiting Time | Speech Pathology = 6 months  All other services = immediate sessions available | |
| Bulk billing? | No | |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes | |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes | |
| **Additional Info**  Monday to Saturday hours  Services include home/education center and in clinic visits.  Social skills group Sessions available fortnightly  School Holiday Sessions available  School Readiness Programs available towards the end of the year | | |
| **NATIONAL PEKE CENTRE WERRIBEE**  15 Manor Lakes Blvd  Manor Lakes VIC 3024  Tel: 8742 4874  Email: [Werribee.admin@pekecentre.com.au](mailto:Werribee.admin@pekecentre.com.au)  Web: [www.pekecentre.com.au](http://www.pekecentre.com.au) | Services Provided | Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Art Therapy, Music Therapy, Allied Health Assistants (AHA Program), Professional Development | |
| Usual Waiting Time | Contact clinic for more information about wait times.   * Psychology – No waitlist * OT – a few spot available, no waitlist * SP – no waitlist * Art Therapy – no waitlist * Music Therapy – no waitlist | |
| Bulk billing? | No | |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes | |
| Medicare rebates? | With a Mental Health Care Plan | |
| **Additional Info:**  Opening Hours:  Monday to Friday: 8am - 4pm  Saturday: 9am - 5pm | | |

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| **Domain Health**  **Address**: 602 High Street  Prahran VIC 3181  **Telephone**: 03 7023 7910  **Email**: [intake@domainhealth.com.au](mailto:intake@domainhealth.com.au)  **Web:**  <https://domainhealth.com.au/> | Service Provided | Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy |
| Usual Waiting Time | No waitlist but can be vary |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes, we provide NDIS services, but we are not a NDIS registered provider |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes (with care plan from GP) |
| **Additional Info:**  Hours of operation, any specialties etc.  We are a community based service so we offer sessions in home or kinder settings. | |

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