

Welcome... we are a group of dedicated Speech Pathology professionals who aim to provide you with the very best Speech Pathology service that we are able to create. Please read this brochure and call us if there's anything you're not sure about, so that we can best help you....

After you call us... one of our friendly staff will have a talk with you on the phone to get an idea of what your personal concern is. Assuming that we are able to help you, (and if we can't then we will try to recommend someone who can) we will provide a communication assessment. A block of treatment sessions would normally follow this.

How long will it take... will depend on the treatment programme. Every case is different, but a good estimation can probably be made after the Speech Pathologist has seen you a few times.

Appointments... appointments will be scheduled for one hour. We try as best we can to fit around your obligations, for example: before and after school time slots are available for school age children etc (but please remember these are our most popular times).

What do we do to help you....Speech Pathology helps people with disorders of communication, i.e., disorders of **speech, voice, language and fluency.**

This can include **children** who fail to develop normal communication, and people who acquire communication problems as a result of disease or injury e.g., following a **stroke**. Also a person's ability to communicate may be impaired because of such disabilities as **hearing loss, brain damage, intellectual disability, stuttering**, malfunction of the speech or respiratory organs, or emotional disturbances. In addition, Speech Pathologists work with people who have **feeding or swallowing** problems.

The prime concern of the Speech Pathologist is to establish the best level of communication possible for each particular person. When working with **language** problems, the ability to understand as well as the ability to express meaning with words and sentences will be important. Particularly in **adults** who have suffered a **stroke**, reading and writing skills, as well as oral skills, may need to be re-established. **Sucking, chewing and swallowing** are the most basic movements of the speech organs (i.e., lips, tongue etc.). Thus, in clients with **cerebral palsy**, and in clients with diseases or injury to the nervous system, the Speech Pathologist may need to work on these **feeding** patterns as well as working on actual sound production for speech.

People who **stutter** will require much help to establish and maintain fluent speech. Those with **voice** problems will need to learn how not to **misuse their voice**, and to overcome any physical problems causing defects of quality, pitch, volume or rhythm.

The treatment of children with **cleft palate** and other **oro-facial problems** requires understanding and close co-operation between the speech pathologist, plastic surgeon and orthodontist involved. Often the Speech Pathologist will need to counsel relatives or act as a consultant to other professionals, e.g., **teachers**, who may also be working with the young person.

Literacy... a hot topic

- Research has shown that a large number of children with difficulty in reading and spelling actually have a Sound Awareness problem. (**this can be a Phonological Awareness Disorder**).
- Reading and spelling are 'sound' based activities so children need to be strong in this skill to succeed in higher literacy areas.
- Speech Pathologists are especially trained in 'phonetics' (the use of sounds).
- Speech Pathologists have specific tests which can discover if the literacy problem starts at the sound, word, or sentence level.
- **The tests used are not usually available for use by teachers in the school system.**
- Effective speech pathology treatment exists for those children whose literacy problems are based on a Phonological Awareness Disorder.

When to call Tyquin group...

- The school is concerned about your child's language skills... ie they are worried.
- **YOU** are worried (parent's instincts are nearly always right!).
- When your child is frustrated, angry or worried by their lack of communication skills.

About Tyquin group

Tyquin group is a professional clinic containing a practice of Speech Pathology and a Reading Clinic .

As speech pathologists, we are working toward helping the 14% of Australians that have a communication disability. In order to do this we actively promote not only our practice but the profession as a whole.

Language and Communication sciences over recent years have made enormous advances. Unfortunately there is little awareness of the large and diverse role that Speech Pathologists can play in the support and education of our young learning children.

In our Reading Clinic, we aim to help poor readers when other attempts have failed. We willingly explore the best technology on offer anywhere in the world. We also develop techniques to use in concert with this technology in order to achieve the most effective results.

Philosophically we strive to achieve results quickly. Though this is sometimes ambitious and not always possible, we believe that it is a worthy goal.

Tyquin group invites you to regard us as a point of contact for further information about any queries you may have.

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