



Allied Health Professionals

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Introduction

Kerry Street Community School recognises the valuable contribution Allied Health Professionals provide to support the wellbeing and learning of children and young people.

Our school collaborates with both parents and allied health professionals to meet the needs of students and support their learning and development. This may include sharing information about a student and what activities might work best to support them. In some cases, where it is suitable, this may mean working directly with the provider in the classroom.

What are allied health professionals?

Allied health professionals are external providers from non-school organisations who attend the school to observe, consult teachers and work with students individually, or in small groups to support the achievement of goals in students Individual Education Plans (IEP).

Externally funded health, disability and wellbeing service providers may seek to provide their services to students at the school during school hours. Access to the school by an externally funded allied health professional is at the discretion of the principal. Allied health professionals are not funded or engaged by the school.

Services may be provided by one or more of the following health professionals.

Paediatrician

Paediatricians assess children for developmental delays or difficulties and will discuss any concerns with parents/carers. A paediatrician may refer children to other team members or specialist services.

At a school level, a paediatrician may consult with teachers, and/or attend school to make observations to inform their assessment.

Speech Pathologist

Speech pathologists work with children and their families to develop communication skills. This includes improving childrens' ability to understand and use speech and language appropriately, and to be understood by others. Speech therapists may also support the development of reading and writing skills. Speech pathologists can also help if a child has eating, drinking or swallowing problems.

At a school level, speech pathologists consult teachers, observe students, create programs that support IEPs and can provide ongoing therapy.

Physiotherapist

A physiotherapist develops programs to help children improve their physical abilities, gross motor skills, and co-ordination, looking at skills such as rolling, crawling, walking, balance and ball skills.

At a school level, physiotherapists may consult with teachers, provide recommendations for an IEP, or provide ongoing therapy.

Occupational Therapist

Occupational therapists work to help improve childrens' play, fine motor skills, co-ordination (e.g. drawing and writing), sensory skills, daily life skills (e.g. eating, dressing) and regulation skills.

At school, occupational therapists consult teachers, observe students, provide ongoing individual or group activities to support learning.

Social Worker

A social worker can offer counselling and support to families.

At a school level, a social worker may consult with teachers, observe students and provide recommendations for adjustments.

Clinical Psychologist

Clinical psychologists specialise in the assessment and treatment of childrens' behavioural development, learning and emotional problems.

At school level, a clinical psychologist consults with teachers, observes students, makes recommendations for adjustments and provides ongoing treatment to students.

Audiologist

Audiologists test a child's hearing and listening skills and prescribes treatment if needed.

An audiologist may consult with teachers and make recommendations for adjustments to learning.

Podiatrist

Podiatrists provide assessment and treatment for concerns relating to feet and gait (walking pattern).

A podiatrist may attend school to make observations and consult with teachers.

How to request the service for your child to be provided at school

1. Firstly, make your request to the principal in writing so that there is a record of your request. The principal will consider your request.
2. Meet with the principal or the school staff they nominate. This may be during your normal planning meetings with the school about your child's learning and support.
 - You may want to invite the therapy provider to the meeting. Note: The school will not meet any costs for providers to attend meetings at school.
 - Bring all relevant documents and information to the meeting. This may include reports from specialists or therapists, or your child's NDIS support plan.
 - Discuss with the school possible days and times for the service to be provided at school.
3. The principal will then need time to consider your request and let you know their decision.

When might Allied Health Professionals engage with schools?

An Allied Health Professional may engage with a school for the following reasons:

- Parent Request E.g., A parent has sought external support and would like to request engagement with a service.
- Teacher Recommendation E.g., A teacher has recommended that you seek external support, if requested, they may provide you with a letter of support to give to your health care provider.
- Child Health Nurse or Dental Visits – these are organised through the Department of Health, and permissions forms will be send home explaining their services.

Please note: An Allied Health Professional will only engage and make contact with the school with parent involvement and approval, and the school can only liaise with the service with written permission from the parent.

Who supports the School?

The School and teachers also seek support to cater for students needs through various organisations. Two of these include:

AISWA School Psychology Service

The role of AISWA Educational Psychologists is to provide expert advice to teachers and schools through consultations, case conferences, case management and implementation of strategies and programmes. The AISWA Educational Psychologist is not a service for parents or students to access.

Child Health Nurse

Whilst the Child Health Nurse is a service that is accessible by parents, schools utilise their services for advice, screenings and health and development professional learning and workshops.

Where to find support in the community

Family Support Services

| Organisation/Service | About | Contact |
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| Family Support Network | Government funded organisation that provides support to families by linking families into services including family support and counselling, parenting support, homelessness services, family and domestic violence services and community support. | 1300 951 190 www.wafsn.org.au |
| Ngala – Parenting Line | Ngala supports parents, families and communities to enhance the wellbeing and development of children and young people. Parenting line is for parents of children aged 0-18 years. | 08 9368 9368 |
| Parenting WA Line | The Parenting WA Line provide telephone information, support and referrals to parents, carers and families taking care of a child or children aged from pre-birth to 18 years. Parenting support officers can also provide information and referrals to local community support services and programs. Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm | 08 6279 1200 1800 654 432 parentingwaline@dlgc. wa.gov.au Facebook: 'Parenting WA' |
| Relationships Australia | Relationships Australia is an organisation that offers resources to couples, individuals and families to help enhance and support relationships or provide support with family separation. | Phone: 1300 364 277 Counselling: 6164 0190 www.relationshipswa.org.au |
| Wanslea – Children and Parenting Support | Government funded organisation that supports families in their home to help you build confidence and skills to provide a nurturing environment and safe care for your children. Early childhood NDIS Funding available for children undergoing assessment under 7 years without diagnosis. | 08 9245 2441 www.wanslea.asn.au |

Counselling and Psychology

| Organisation/Service | About | Contact |
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| Ajay Hawkes – Uplift Counselling | Psychodynamic Psychotherapist and Hakomi Therapist | 0421 476 429 |
| Anna Hassan | Divergent Psychology - Fremantle | Admin@DivergentPsychology.com.au www.divergentpsychology.com.au |
| Angela Ranallo | Clinical Social Worker Child and Family Therapist www.childfamilytherapy counselling.com.au | 08 9319 8262 angelaran@bigpond.com |
| Jane Hancock – South Fremantle Health and Counselling | Counsellor | 0417 934 945 |
| Healthfocus Clinical Psychology Services | Practice of Clinical Psychologists – Monique Armstrong-Burgin is highly recommended. | 08 6369 1191 |
| Jane Locke | Clinical Psychologist | 0468 629 980 janerlocke@gmail.com |
| Kids Help Line | The Kids Help Line is a free and confidential, 24-hour telephone counselling and online service for 5 to 25 year old's. | 1800 551 800 counsellor@kidshelpline.com.au www.kidshelp.com.au |
| Lifeline | Lifeline provides a 24-hour telephone counselling service and a crisis support chat service each night from 7pm to 4am (AEST) via the website | 131 114 www.lifeline.org.au |
| Nicole Setton | Counsellor – Loss and grief, transitions and adjustments, relationships, trauma, depression, anxiety, personal growth and development | 0466 840 466 |
| Pek Yen Lee – Perth Children's Counselling | Play Therapy and Children's Counselling | 0403 914 072 |
| Ritu Campbell | Psychologist - Specialises in the female presentation of autism. Consults nationally - Myaree | 0402 154 370 ritucampbell@bigpond.com |
| SANE Australia | SANE is an independent national charity working for a better life for people affected by mental illness and their carers. HELPLINE operates Monday – Friday 9-5 AEST | 1800 187 263 helpline@sane.org |

Intervention Specialists

| Organisation/Service | About | Contact |
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| Ability Centre | The Ability Centre focuses on providing intervention for children with disability aged 0-7. | 1300 106 106 www.abilitycentre.com.au |
| Autism Association of WA | | 08 9489 8900 www.autism.org.au |
| Calm and Connected | Occupational Therapy Services The Therapists at Calm and Connected provide mobile, clinic & online support to the adults surrounding a child and teach the child how to address the foundational skills that affect our ability to connect. | 0430 645 086 |
| DSF – Dyslexia SPELD Foundation | DSF provides a range of clinical services to support children struggling with literacy and/or numeracy including: consultations, assessments, therapy, counselling, and tutoring | 08 9217 2500 www.dsf.net.au |
| Kid Clinic | The Kidd Clinic provides a range of evidence-based assessment and therapeutic services to neurodivergent children, adolescents and adults, and others experiencing social and emotional difficulties. Fremantle/North Perth | 08 6237 7940 www.kiddclinic.com.au |
| Kids Are Kids! | Kids Are Kids! Provide government funded programs to children and families, including: Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and/or Psychology services. | 08 9313 6566 www.kidsarekids.org.au |
| Rocky Bay | Provides services such as Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychological support, Rehabilitation and skills development, Social Work and Hydrotherapy. | 08 9383 5111 www.rockybay.org.au |
| Senses Australia | Provides early intervention services for children with disabilities including physical, sensory and motor difficulties and intellectual disabilities. | 08 9473 5400 www.senses.org.au |
| Sensory Connections | Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Pathology, Social Skills Therapy | 08 9382 8538 |
| Skillbuilders | Provides therapy to children including Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Speech Therapy. | 1300 132 785 www.skillbuilders.com.au |

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| Spectrum Space | Formerly Autism West – assessments, consultants, education and training | www.spectrumspace.org.au |
| Therapy Focus | Support children aged 0-8 with therapy including: Play and social skill development, Communication skill development, Mobility and movement skills, Toileting, self-care and hygiene skill development, Relationship development, Behaviour support, Sensory and emotional regulation, and more. | 1300 135 373 www.therapyfocus.org.au |
| Wize Therapy | Wize Therapy provides physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech pathology to young children with disability. | 08 9317 7932 www.wizetherapy.com.au |

Medical and Health Services

| Organisation/Service | About | Contact |
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| 13SICK | Home doctor | 13 74 25 |
| Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) | CAMHS provides mental health programs to infants, children and young people up to the age of 17. | Fremantle: 08 9435 9700 Acute Response team: 1800 048 636 |
| Dr Stephanie Greeff | Paediatrician – Murdoch Wexford Medical | 08 9332 5652 |
| Dr Alpana Kulkarni | Paediatrician – Murdoch Wexford Medical | 08 9467 6361 |
| Dr Chester Tan Development Clinic | Paediatrician | 08 6336 9455 |
| Dr Hock Leng Chua | Paediatrician | 08 9497 1771 |
| Health Direct | 24 hour health advice | 1800 022 222 www.healthdirect.gov.au |
| Mental Health Emergency Response Line | Provides over the phone risk assessments for suicidal ideations and non-suicidal self-injury | 1300 555 788 |
| Poisons Information Services | Provides information on poison or drug indigestion/inhalation | 13 11 26 |