

## **Speech Pathology at Kids +**

A Kids + speech pathologist can help with understanding and support for all things communication and swallowing.

These are both really big areas, so to break it down, speech pathologists can support;

- Speech- the way we say sound;
- Using language- the words we think about and express to get our messages across;
- Listening and understanding language- understanding the words we hear or see;
- Using different forms of communication- gestures, sign, communication books or symbols, electronic communication devices;
- Swallowing food and drink safely, this includes breast and bottle feeding.
- Literacy- the skills needed to spell, read and write;
- Interaction- communicating with others to form connections;
- Voice- the quality of sound that comes out when we speak;
- Fluency- stuttering

We love to support young people with things that matter most to them, and get parents and partners involved to support in a meaningful way. Speech Pathology at Kids + can look like individual or group sessions, recommending equipment such as communication books or electronic communication devices, supporting community participation at school, childcare, kindergarten and/or education and training for communication and mealtime partners.

All speech pathology assessment and treatment at Kids + considers all areas of a young person's development and how they impact on communication and swallowing, including posture, tone, sensory processing, cognition, cardio-vascular and respiratory and gastrointestinal.