



# School Age Therapy Program

## South West Sydney Therapy Team

Northcott Disability Services School Age Therapy Program aims to fulfil each child's potential, promote their independence and ensure their therapy needs are addressed. Our team of speech pathologists, occupational therapists, and physiotherapist are available to support your child's skills and abilities within the school, home and community setting.

### How often will we get therapy and where will it take place?

Your child will receive a multidisciplinary, consultative therapy service from a range of therapists who offer a combination of functional therapy programs for home and school, parent/teacher training and workshops in order to maximise every opportunity to meet your child's therapy needs.

The frequency of therapy consultations and appointments are centred on your child's areas of need and family/school requirements for support.

### Services

- Speech Pathology services include assessment and implementation of functional communication and safe feeding/swallowing skills.
- Occupational Therapy services include assessment and implementation of programs designed to support and promote independent functioning in daily activities such as sensory/fine motor/toileting.
- Physiotherapy services include assessment, training and intervention in the areas of your child's physical development and independence in mobility.
- The team will support your child's needs within the home and school environment with family/therapists involvement in the Individual Education Plan and Individual and Family Support Plan.

### Funding

The service is funded by the NSW Government "Stronger Together" funding initiative as a partnership between Northcott Disability Services and Department of Human Services - Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

### Geographical area

Bankstown, Liverpool and Fairfield local government areas.

### Eligibility

School age children who primarily have a disability and have significant and/or complex needs; and who:

- live in the Bankstown, Liverpool and Fairfield area.
- are not currently receiving a therapy service; but
- are on a waiting list with Department of Human Services - Ageing, Disability and Home Care or Northcott Disability Service.

Priority will be given to those children who meet the above eligibility and who demonstrate one or a combination of the following factors:

- are aged between 6-18 years
- their school placement is at risk of breakdown
- children referred from Community Services
- require specific mealtime management intervention
- require initial assessment and prescription of equipment
- require the development of a communication program

## Contact

**To obtain further information or discuss referral enquiries please contact the Team Leader at:**

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