

At Learn2Communicate we offer a variety of different services delivered across a school Term to meet your child's needs

Allied Health Assistant Service



- **What is the Allied Health Assistant service?**

This service involves individual appointments with a Speech Pathology Allied Health Assistant (AHA). Appointments may be face-to-face in one of our clinic locations, via Telehealth, or at your child's school, preschool or home

- **Who is the AHA service suitable for?**

The AHA service is suitable for clients who have previously been assessed by a speech pathologist and have received either individual or consultative Speech Pathology services for at least 1 Term.

- **What is an AHA?**

AHA's play an important role in the delivery of speech pathology services when supervised and working under the direction of a qualified speech pathologist. Our AHA's at Learn2communicate come from a range of backgrounds and have a range of qualifications; some are currently studying towards Speech Pathology qualifications whilst others have Certificate or Diploma level qualifications in Allied Health Assistance or Early Childhood Studies.

AHA's at Learn2Communicate receive 2 hours of weekly face to face small group supervision and professional learning opportunities with one of our Speech Pathologists to ensure that the intervention offered is of high quality and helps children achieve their therapy goals.

- **What does the service aim to achieve?**

An AHA service may assist clients by helping to consolidate progress and transfer gains across all environments e.g. home, school or preschool.

An AHA service may also be recommended when your child requires additional practice to develop skills in between speech pathology sessions.

- **How is the service structured?**

The AHA service involves the development of an individualised programme by your child's Speech Pathologist in Week 1 of the Term. AHA sessions are then offered between Weeks 2 and 9. A joint session with your child's Speech Pathologist may be required and is scheduled as needed for Weeks 4/5 with a summary report and recommendations for ongoing service prepared for families in Week 10 of the Term.

