

Oac Health Private Meet the Team

Anna McCauley - Occupational Therapist



Anna is a registered Occupational Therapist having graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy) in 1992. Anna is a member of Occupational Therapy Australia.

Anna has supported children to be included in their early childhood settings for many years from initial enrolment through to the transition to school.

Anna has a strong commitment to family-centred service provision and aims to help families feel empowered to build their child's participation in everyday life. A strong knowledge of the early childhood services in Sydney assists Anna to help parents make informed choices about the supports available for their child.

After graduation, Anna worked at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children at Camperdown in the New Graduate programme. Since then Anna has always worked with children and families in Canada, the UK and Australia across a range of children's hospitals, community health, community services and private practice. She has continued to develop professionally by providing and receiving clinical supervision, attending ongoing training as well as attending and presenting at conferences.

Simone Ryan - Occupational Therapist



Simone is a registered Occupational Therapist with a Master of Occupational Therapy from Curtin University and a Bachelor of Science (Exercise and Health) from the University of Western Australia.

Simone has experience working with children from birth to 18 years with a variety of needs including Autism Spectrum Disorder, Global Developmental Delay, Developmental Coordination Disorder (motor dyspraxia), Cerebral Palsy, and sensory integration and processing disorders.

With a DIR/Floor time background and training, Simone values play based therapy and has special interests in the development of self-regulation and self-care skills. Simone is a trained SOS Approach to Feeding therapist, and has completed additional training in play skills and development, toileting, attachment, autism, sensory processing, Video Self Modelling, the Alert program and Zones of Regulation.

Simone believes strongly in family centred and strength based practice, and thoroughly enjoys working closely with families and caregivers to achieve the best possible outcomes for their children.

Adelaide Pendlebury - Speech Pathologist



Adelaide is a certified Speech Pathologist with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology) from The University of Sydney and has worked in the private sector since 2002. Adelaide also holds an Associate Diploma in Drama and Performance as well as a Diploma in Journalism.

Adelaide is a member of Speech Pathology Australia and she is an active participant in the Professional Self Regulation Program. Keeping informed of the latest advances and evidence-based practice in the assessment and treatment of communication difficulties is a high priority for her. Adelaide has received additional training in the Hanen Centre Program 'It Takes Two to Talk', the principles and methods of Voicecraft, and the diagnosis and treatment of Childhood Apraxia of

Speech.

Adelaide has a wealth of experience working with children in the areas of articulation, language, literacy, and stuttering. She has worked in a number of settings including private clinics, early education centres, schools, and homes. Adelaide has also presented workshops to early education teams and health professionals on a variety of topics relating to communication.

Adelaide is passionate about early intervention and believes that collaborations between families, health professionals and educators are crucial in supporting children to achieve their full potential.

Sarah Kappel - Speech Pathologist



Sarah is a Certified Practicing Speech Pathologist with a Masters of Speech Language Pathology from the University of Sydney and a Bachelor of Behavioural Neuroscience from Monash University (Neuroscience/Physiology).

Sarah has practiced as a Speech Pathologist for 7 years, in both the private and public sectors, providing assessments, therapy, and management to children in both the classroom, and clinical environments. She has worked extensively with children with diverse communication needs, including speech sound disorders, language delay, stuttering, voice disorders, Global Developmental Delay, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Auditory Processing Disorder, and feeding and saliva management difficulties.

It was her experience as an in home respite care worker for children with special needs, and role as an integration aide in the classroom, prior to becoming a speech pathologist, that inspired her to pursue speech pathology to empower children to communicate and better support caregivers.

Sarah has additional training in the "SOS Approach to Feeding", "Cognitive Language Therapy", "Key Word Sign" (previously MAKATON), and "Spalding Education International". She feels passionately about taking a holistic approach to each child's development, and personalizing therapy to embrace the character and needs of the child and their family.

Meeral Amarsee- Speech Pathologist



Meeral Amarsee is a Certified Practicing Speech Pathologist with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology) from The University of Sydney as well as a Certificate III in Auslan (Australian Sign Language).

Meeral worked as a behavioural therapist which further developed her passion to work with children. Having worked as a Speech Pathologist in private clinics across Sydney with a range of children from varying ages, backgrounds, socio-economic demographics and diagnoses, Meeral has provided both assessment and intervention in a multitude of settings.

Using evidence based practice in all her work Meeral has worked with children and their families to provide a client-centred approach to address the needs of the child. Meeral has experience in working with a range of speech and language disorders including stuttering, Autism, literacy, social communication as well as feeding delays.

Meeral believes in highly individualised therapy that is child focused to allow each child to reach their full potential.

Robin Duns- Speech Pathologist



Robin is a Certified Practicing Speech Pathologist and holds a Masters of Speech Pathology from The University of Melbourne. He also has a Bachelor of Arts (Literature and Philosophy) with Honours (Literature) from the University of Melbourne.

For the last four years, Robin has been working with children in primary and secondary schools throughout Victoria. In this role, he worked closely with students, school staff and families to help children with a range of communication difficulties. Robin has experience in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of speech, language, literacy, voice, fluency, and social-communication difficulties.

Robin is passionate about employing a family-centred approach to best support the communication development of young children.