Specialist Staff
The team consists of Support Officers Speech and Language led by the School Principal and Deputy Principal. A Support Officer can be either a Speech Pathologist or Teacher with specialist knowledge and experience in language development. The staff work as a collaborative team to identify and promote local expertise and successful models of service delivery. The specialist team develops professional learning and resources which assists teachers to identify, assess, monitor and program for students with speech and language needs across the designated regions.

Access to Services
Schools access outreach services and professional learning through referral, principal networks and the Institute for Professional Learning. Schools requesting a service are prioritised according to the level of need and service availability.

More details on how to access services are available from;

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Speech & Language, and the Curriculum
Our staff are continually researching and applying new pedagogy. We keep abreast of new technology and advances in understanding speech and language development to assist teachers.

The Speech and Language Outreach Team ensures that all our intensive language programs and professional learning opportunities are linked to the Australian curriculum and the Early Years Learning Framework.

Speech & Language Outreach Service

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Providing Speech and Language Services to schools in the
South Metro Fremantle LDC Catchment Area, Pilbara and West Kimberley Regions
Speech & Language Outreach Service

Vision

The Fremantle Language Development Centre Outreach Service is committed to enhancing and building the capacity of schools to support students with speech and language difficulties.

The State-Wide Speech & Language service provides valuable support to Western Australian public schools to help young children with speech and language difficulties. The service implements an integrated model which aims to build capacity in schools in the areas of language and literacy development by expanding knowledge and leadership skills of staff within schools.

Since 2012 the state-wide service has become apart of the Language Development Facilities and continues to deliver outreach services to schools across WA. The Fremantle Language Development Centre (FLDC) Outreach Service is located in Willagee and services the South Metro, Pilbara and West Kimberley regions.

Services

Some of these include:

Professional Learning

Offered at both regional and whole school level

The Speech & Language Series is a professional learning course consisting of eight language modules and is offered in different formats throughout the year.

Pathway to Spelling Success is a professional learning workshop that provides an evidence based approach to the systematic teaching of alphabet knowledge, phonological awareness, phonics and spelling. Assessment protocols, strategies and resources to use within the classroom are also addressed.

Education Assistant Speech and Language Workshops provide information on the key areas of speech and language, typical development and the identification of children’s difficulties in these areas. A range of strategies and resources to support children with speech and language difficulties within the classroom is provided.

Consultations

Individual School Consultation: Schools can request assistance with needs analysis and whole school planning related to language development and incorporating and linking speech and language knowledge into the curriculum.

Initiatives

The Language Leadership Schools Initiative

Participating staff members will be provided with professional learning and support to undertake the role of a ‘Language Leader’ within their school. Language Leaders will gain experience regarding speech and language knowledge, and classroom practice as they simultaneously build the capacity of their school.

Intensive Oral Language Programs

Words, Grammar and Fun is a language program targets early oral language development in the areas of semantics and grammar. School staff are provided with professional learning, resources and support to conduct targeted small group rotational language sessions. Ongoing modelling and support is provided for the duration of the program.

Cracking the Code is a language program that targets pre-literacy development in the areas of phonological awareness and alphabet knowledge. School staff are provided with professional learning, resources and support to conduct targeted small group rotational language sessions. Ongoing modelling and support is provided for the duration of the program.

Work Shadowing

Teachers and Education Assistants can access work shadow opportunities at the Fremantle LDC. This provides the opportunity to observe strategies and pedagogy in practice at the Fremantle LDC. This will include opportunities to liaison with specialised teachers, explore evidence based resources in line with current research and observe the explicit teaching of oral language.