



DEDICATED: The Chit-A-Chat pathology team

Mobile service

SPEECH pathology services are often in high demand, but with long waiting lists, it can be hard to find the time to make an appointment.

However one company is changing this and offering a completely mobile service that comes to the patient.

Chit-A-Chat Speech Pathology travels to clients at no extra cost, has no waiting lists, and does not require a GP referral.

There are 11 fully qualified speech pathologists working at Chit-A-Chat, experienced in working with mild delays through to complex conditions such as autism spectrum disorders and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

While many people assume speech pathologists simply correct stuttering, in reality they work in a wide range of areas, includ-

ing speech, language, fluency, voice and swallowing.

The staff are also experienced in working with adults who have suffered from a stroke, traumatic brain injury or neurodegenerative diseases.

Chit-A-Chat staff are able to conduct assessments, reviews and therapy at a client's home, nursing home, group home or school.

The staff working with students in over 50 schools and travel in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and throughout the Hunter.

One school using the mobile service is Kotara South Public School.

Hearing support teacher Susan Bryant said Chit-A-Chat had been working with children at the school for two years.

"We have always been

impressed by the professionalism of staff and their willingness to personalise programs to cater to the specific needs of the individual students," she said.

"The fact that the staff come to the students, rather than parents having to travel to treatment rooms, means lessons are easy to co-ordinate and the children can work in a familiar environment."

Chit-A-Chat Speech Pathology is a branch of the Chit-A-Chat group, which also runs Smart Cookeez Tutoring.

The tutoring service, like Chit-A-Chat Speech Pathology, is also a mobile service.

It provides English and maths tutoring for children from Kindergarten to Year 12.

■ Chit-A-Chat Speech Pathology can be contacted by phoning 4023 8030.