

## **SPEECH AND LANGUAGE INITIAL APPOINTMENT**

Thank you for booking your initial speech pathology appointment with us at SASHC. We look forward to meeting and working with you. These are a few key points to remember in preparation for your appointment:

- Initial appointments are 45 minutes. This is to ensure that we receive all the information necessary to create a therapy plan that works for you and your child
- You will meet the speech therapist who will be working with your child and this will enable your child to develop a rapport with the therapist
- You will have the opportunity to discuss all your concerns regarding your child's speech and language needs
- Your speech therapist will complete a case history form with you to ensure that they are informed about milestones, family history, medical history and a number of other factors that will provide us with an overview of your child's skills and development. This enables the speech therapist to ensure that the plan for your child is the best possible to meet their needs
- Your goals for your child will be discussed and this will enable everyone working with your child to be clear on your expectations for speech therapy
- A therapy plan for the following sessions will be discussed at the end of this initial appointment.
- Speech and language assessments are not typically conducted during the initial appointment

Please bring with you copies of any reports or necessary referrals relating to your child's development. This may include reports from previous Speech Pathologists, diagnostic reports (e.g. Autism Spectrum Disorder), Audiology reports, Psychology reports, school reports and anything you feel would be relevant.

Our fee schedule is available on our website ([www.sashc.com.au](http://www.sashc.com.au)). Do contact us if you have any further questions. We are happy to clarify any questions you may have.

Thank you and we look forward to meeting with you soon!