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Accessible paediatric therapy and immersive work-integrated learning

The University of Newcastle Occupational Therapy Clinic provides essential services to children aged 3-18 and their families who would otherwise be unable to access community-based occupational therapy. Our clinic offers evidence-based approaches to improve outcomes in school readiness, handwriting, fine and gross motor skills, and self-regulation.

PARTNERSHIP CAPABILITIES

- Clinic-based services at Callaghan campus- assessment, intervention, key adult consultation and reporting services
- School outreach program- customised services delivered to schools in the Greater Newcastle region
- Professional learning packages for educators
- Prioritised work-integrated learning experiences for OT students

PROVEN IMPACT

- In 2023, served approximately 2,324 children across 16 school sites
- Provided 500 instances of individual assessment and reporting
- Delivered 20 tailored professional learning sessions in 2023
- Hosted 51 OT student placements in 2024
- Served 695 children at the University Clinic in 2024
- Delivered 15 school contracts, involving approximately 1,045 children in 2024

TRANSFORMING SCHOOL COMMUNITIES THROUGH TAILORED INTERVENTIONS

In one partnering school, our OT Clinic implemented a comprehensive tier one program to kindergarten students addressing handwriting skill development. In a population sample, we saw 35% improvement in letter-sound correspondence abilities and a 30% improvement in letter formation abilities. Through working in the natural classroom environment, our OT students gained valuable skills in dynamic problem solving, and our educators and support staff were empowered with strategies and techniques to maximise sustainable impacts of our program.



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