

I am in my second year of school. I attend St Patricks Special School, a co-educational school which provides education for students, who because of their intellectual or physical disability require a specialised placement.

This year my goals are to learn literacy and numeracy skills with a focus on teaching me to use my tablet to communicate as I am non-verbal. My teachers use lots of different and interesting ways to get me to engage in learning.



I love going to school, we have so much fun!



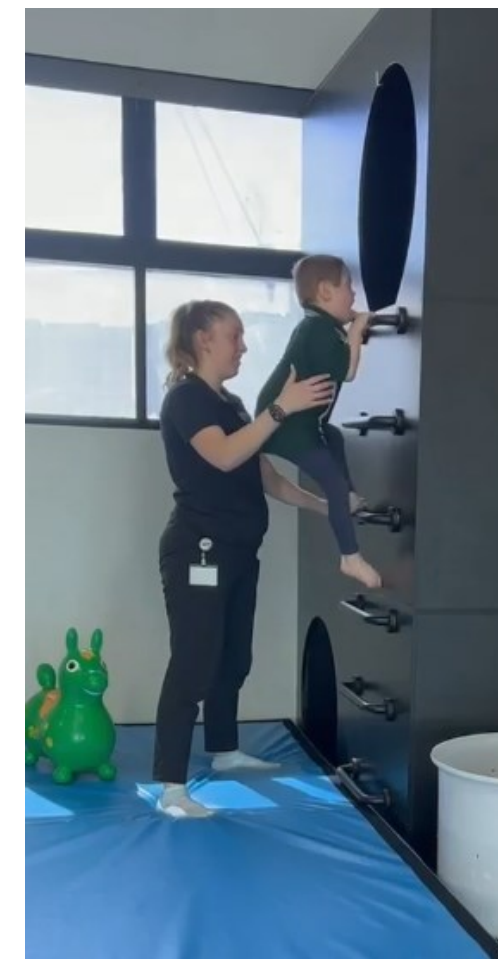
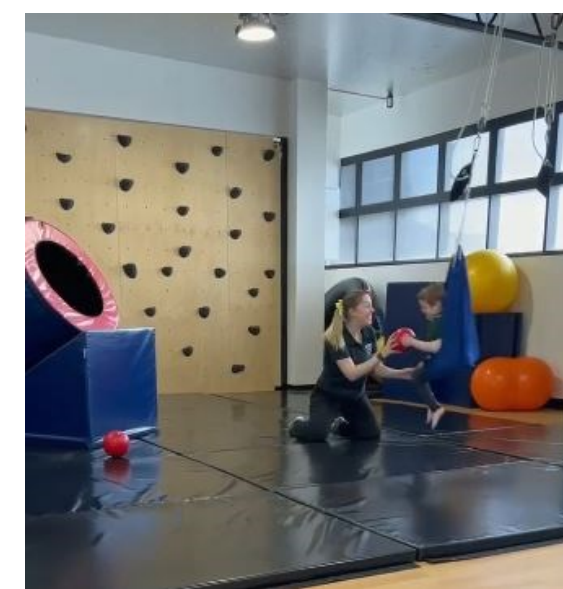
SUPPORTING MY DEVELOPMENT

There are many ways in which my development is supported, below are many examples of the therapies and techniques used to improve my cognitive, speech, language, gross and fine motor skills.

I just have lots of fun playing with my therapists!

Once a week I attend an Occupational Therapy at OTFC. My therapist, and I have lots of fun! Sometimes we swing in the hammock or climb into the cave. I crawl through tunnels and balance on walking beams.

This helps me to improve my gross and fine motor skills as well as my balance. Development of my sensory processing is also improved.



Sometimes we get to go to We Rock The Spectrum—Kid's Gym. The gym is great for me because it includes inclusive play opportunities and uniquely design sensory equipment to aid children with sensory disorders by allowing children of all ability levels to play together



Once a week I have speech therapy. My therapist and I play games whilst we model different communication techniques. We practice sign language and use Proloquo on my tablet to communicate.

Every fortnight I attend a Hydrotherapy session. My therapist gets me to move in different ways in the water to enable me to experience a range of motion that I cannot experience out of the water. I love hydrotherapy!



I also attend land based physiotherapy. My therapist gets me to balance on exercise balls, cushions and steps whilst engaging in a play activity. We also practice stepping over things on the ground to help with my awareness of obstacles that may cause me to trip over and lose my balance.

