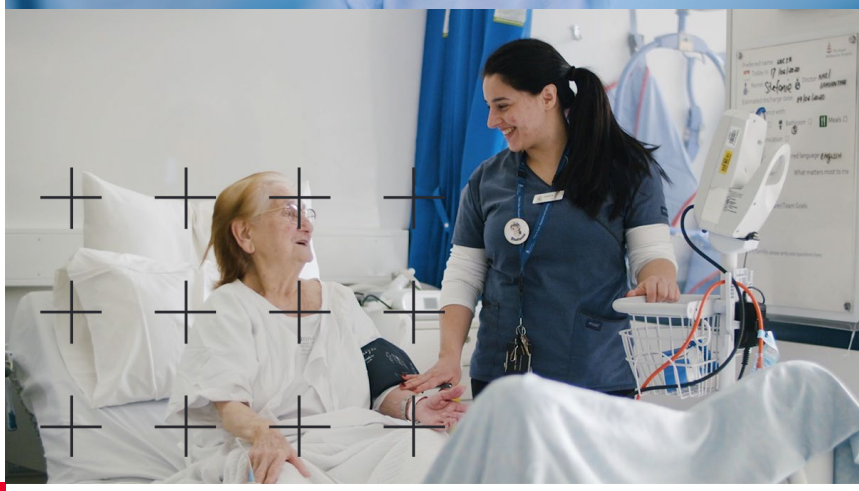
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Position Description

Senior Speech Pathologist - Grade 3

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THE ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL

The Royal Melbourne Hospital (RMH) began in 1848 as Victoria's first public hospital. And while we only had 10 beds to our name, we had the community of Melbourne behind us, and we were ready to provide the best possible care for those in need.

Since those early years, we've moved forward with purpose. Always at the forefront, leading the way on improving the quality of life for all.

Today the RMH is one of the largest health providers in the state, providing a comprehensive range of specialist medical, surgical, and mental health services; as well as rehabilitation, aged care, outpatient and community programs.

Our reputation for caring for all Melburnians is as essential to who we are as any scientific breakthrough we make. We're here when it matters most, and we'll continue to be the first to speak out for our diverse community's wellbeing.

OUR VISION

Advancing health for everyone, every day.

THE MELBOURNE WAY

At The RMH we're inspired by our vision of Advancing health for everyone, every day. While we're each going about our different roles, we're united by a shared understanding of the way we do things around here. We call it The Melbourne Way. We put people first — leading with kindness and working together, we excel as one Royal Melbourne Hospital.

People First

People are at the heart of everything we do. We take the time to understand how we can make the most positive difference for them.

Lead with Kindness

Our care and compassion sets us apart. We lead the way with a respectful, inclusive spirit — embracing the things that make us all unique.

Excellence Together

True excellence is only possible when we work as one Royal Melbourne Hospital community. Through collaboration, we set the highest of standards and achieve our goals.

Together 2035 - Our 10 year ambition positions the organisation to have a meaningful impact. Acknowledging the need for ability, adaptability and failing fast, it is assumed throughout this strategy cycle that nothing will stay stagnant. We will continuously strive fro excellence in health - through data insights, the latest research, responding to community sentiment, and global trends and importantly the views, needs and feedback of patients, consumers, carers and community.

Strategic Pillars
Redesigning Together - We are redesigning world-class care
Thriving Together - We are thriving through inspiration & curiosity
Innovating Together - We are leading research excellence for clinical impact

Strategic Drivers
Systems Thinking
Digital Intelligence
Performance & Sustainability

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Position Description

Position Title:	Senior Speech Pathologist - Grade 3
Service:	Allied Health – Speech Pathology
Location:	The RMH Parkville & The RMH Royal Park
Reports To:	Speech Pathology and Audiology Manager
Enterprise Agreement:	Allied Health Professionals (Victorian Public Health Sector) Single Interest Enterprise Agreement 2021–2026
Classification:	VW6-VW9
Employment Status:	Part time / Fixed Term
Immunisation Risk Category:	Category A
Date of Review:	October 2026

POSITION SUMMARY

The Speech Pathology team provides integrated multidisciplinary care across the acute, sub-acute and community sectors of Melbourne Health (with the exception of North Western Mental Health). The allied health team work collaboratively to improve the patient's physical and psychosocial functioning and strive to be leaders in research.

The Grade 3 Speech Pathologist, through their clinical expertise, will have a leading role in the delivery of an excellent Speech Pathology clinical service across the continuum of care. The Senior Speech Pathologist will be responsible for ensuring the delivery of excellent patient care, providing high level clinical advice and fostering staff development.

The Senior Speech Pathologist will have an extensive understanding of wider organisational and public health influences on the acute and subacute public hospital service and lead ongoing service improvement and development. They will lead a culture of research within Speech Pathology and across Allied Health and actively seek opportunities for funding of new research and projects.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Take reasonable care for your safety and wellbeing and that of others.
- Work in your scope of practice and seek help where required.
- Work in partnership with consumers, patients and where applicable carers and families.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues across all RMH teams.
- Continue to learn through mandatory training and other learning activities.
- Seek feedback on your work including participation in annual performance discussion.
- Speak up for safety, our values and wellbeing.
- Prioritise wellbeing and ensure safe work practices are developed and adhered to in their area.
- Respect that the RMH is a smoke-free environment.
- Supervise more junior staff as directed by the Speech Pathology Manager
- Ensure direct reports receive regular feedback and participate in annual discussions.
- Contribute to organisation-wide and service/division initiatives and planning activities.
- Ensure training needs of direct reports are identified and undertaken.
- Ensure risk management activities are completed, effective controls are in place and incidents are recorded, investigated and corrective actions implemented as far as is reasonably practical.
- Create a psychologically safe work environment where everyone feels safe to speak up. Monitor and achieve relevant KPIs and targets and operate within their allocated budget.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

Internal

- RMH Nursing, Medical and Allied Health staff
- RMH Allied Health Research Leads
- Speech Pathology Department
- RMH Divisional Leads

External

- Speech Pathology Australia
- Department of Health & Human Services
- Partner Universities

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- Formal Qualifications:

- Bachelor or Masters of Speech Pathology (or equivalent)
- Eligible for Speech pathology Australia Membership

- Essential:

- Commitment to live the Melbourne Way - putting people first, leading with kindness and achieving excellence together.
- Minimum of 7 years relevant clinical and leadership experience. Includes the person being acknowledged by their professional peers as a clinical expert and/or has a broad and relevant clinical experience;
- VFSS, Tracheostomy & FEES Competency;
- Demonstrated ability to provide expert clinical service and supervision;
- Satisfactory Police Check, Working with Children's Check and Immunization Assessment;
- Demonstrated staff management skills that will foster a positive learning environment;
- Delivery of expert and authoritative advice;
- Demonstrated ability to use and model evidence-based practice;
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and presentation skills;
- High level of negotiation, problem solving and analytical skills;
- High level of planning and organisational skills;
- Excellent supervisory and teaching skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and as part of a team;
- Innovative, resourceful and adaptive to change;

- Desirable:

- Evidence of clinical research and/or publications

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Your performance will be measured through your successful:

- Demonstration of RMH values
- Achievement of portfolio specific KPI targets
- Participation in and satisfactory feedback through the annual performance review process
- Ability to maintain a safe working environment and ensure compliance with legislative requirements

AT THE RMH WE:

- Aim to provide a working environment that is safe and without risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of all employees, patients and consumers, and visitors.
- Speak up for patient, consumer, colleague and visitor safety, escalating issues if required.
- Deliver Safe, Timely, Equitable, Person-centred Care (STEP) in line with our clinical governance framework.
- Work in accordance with relevant policies, procedures, standards and legislation including those related to clinical or competency requirements, risk management, discrimination, equal opportunity and health safety and wellbeing.

OUR COMMITMENT:

- **Equity, Inclusion, Belonging and Safety**
  - As a leader in healthcare, we recognise the need to foster a culture of equity, inclusion, and belonging — safe spaces where every individual is empowered to be their authentic self, contributing meaningfully to the collective well-being of our community.
- **First Nations Commitment**
  - We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we work and stand in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We are committed to creating a culturally safe environment that honours First Nations voices, knowledge, and self-determination through inclusive governance, respectful policies, and a steadfast commitment to anti-racism. The Royal Melbourne aspires to lead by example in addressing the injustices of colonisation and its ongoing impacts.
- **Child Safe Standards**
  - RMH is a child safe organisation. We are dedicated to fostering an environment that respects and upholds the rights of children and young people, in line with the Child Safe Standards. We actively embed these standards in our culture, policies, and practices, ensuring that the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a central priority.
- **Equal Opportunity and Accessibility**
  - We are proud to be an equal opportunity employer that champions diversity in all its forms. We value the strengths and perspectives that come from people of all backgrounds, identities, abilities, and lived experiences. We encourage applicants from all communities, and we will provide reasonable adjustments to support equitable participation.
- **Thriving Together**
  - Together, we are committed to fostering an environment where everyone feels respected, safe, and empowered to thrive.

ACCEPTANCE

I acknowledge and accept that this position description represents the duties, responsibilities and accountabilities that are expected of me in my employment in the position. I understand that The RMH reserves the right to modify position descriptions as required, however I will be consulted when this occurs.

Employee Signature

Employee Name (please print)

Date