Hillsbus T-Way (T61-65) operates from Parramatta to Westmead Hospital approximately every 15 minutes. Westmead railway station (Western line) is approximately 5 minutes walk from Westmead Hospital. Travel time from Central Station to Westmead Station is approximately 45 minutes. For timetable information by train, ferry and bus travel, phone 131 500, or visit the Transport Infoline: www.131500.com.au

Transport - by car

Westmead is about 10 minutes drive from Parramatta, and about 60 minutes from Sydney. Accessible via the M4 Motorway or the Great Western Highway, off Hawkesbury Rd, Westmead. Entrance to the hospital is off Darcy Rd.

Parking

Please note that parking is extremely limited, and public transport is strongly recommended. Parking at Westmead Hospital is accessible via coin operated boom gates. The fee is $8 per day and correct coins are required at the boom gate upon entry. Receipts are available upon request from the cashier. Parking is also available at the University of Western Sydney’s, Westmead Precinct, ‘Police’ Campus, accessible by car via the M4 Motorway or the Great Western Highway, off Hawkesbury Road, Westmead, and adjacent to the Westmead railway station. The fee is $6 per day, and payable upon exit from the car park.

Accommodation

The following hotels are located in the area. Please coordinate all reservations directly with the hotel. Listed below are the following recommendations and websites to book accommodation on-line.

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Tel: 1300 987 604
www.mantra.com.au

Sebel Hotel Parramatta
Tel: (02) 9630 4999
www.mirvachotels.com

Wesley Lodge
Tel: (02) 9635 1233
www.wesleylodge.com.au

Courtyard Parramatta Marriott
Tel: (02) 9891 1277
Keynote Speakers

**Professor Amanda Kirby**
Professor of Developmental Disorders in Education. Medical Director of the Dyscovery Centre University of Wales, Newport.

Professor Kirby is a leading expert in motor difficulties (dyspraxia) and related conditions with several best-selling books on the subject. Professor Kirby founded and has been running the Dyscovery Centre since 1997, an interdisciplinary centre providing assessment and intervention for children and adults with a range of developmental disorders including dyspraxia, ADHD, dyslexia, specific language impairment, Autism Spectrum Disorders and behavioural issues. She is involved in research and has lectured across the world at international seminars and spoken to many teachers, health professionals and parents.

**Professor Jan Piek**
Professor of Developmental Psychology, School of Psychology and Speech Pathology, Curtin University, Perth.

Over the last 15 years, Professor Piek has researched extensively in the area of infant motor development, and has also examined Developmental Coordination Disorder and ADHD in childhood and adolescence, publishing extensively in these areas. She has investigated the underlying processes that are responsible for poor motor coordination, as well as the neurocognitive and psychosocial factors that are associated with these disorders. Her research has highlighted the relevance of poor motor ability in other developmental disorders such as ADHD and Autism.

Other Speakers

- Professor Anita Bundy, Professor and Chair, Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney
- Dr Robert J Parker, Department Head, Children’s Hospital Institute of Sports Medicine (CHISM), The Children’s Hospital at Westmead
- Dr Angie Morrow, Staff Specialist, Head of Brain Injury Service, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead
- Ms Margaret Wallen, Senior Occupational Therapist-Researcher, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead and Adjunct Lecturer, Discipline of Occupational Therapy, University of Sydney
- Ms Paula Bray, Senior Occupational Therapist, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead
- Ms Anne Bennett, Assistant Principal, Co chairperson: Action Research Project; Ms Raylee Singleton, Co chairperson: Action Research Project and Mr Mathew Dollison, Technology Coordinator, Halinda School
- Ms Susan Jones, Senior Curriculum Officer, Special Education, and Mr Kevin Ford, Manager, Student Support Services, Office of the Board of Studies
- Mr Andrew Downie, Project Officer Adaptive Technologies Learning Initiatives and TAFE Services, Centre for Learning Innovation
- Ms Cheryl Stambolis, Technology Coordinator, Disability Program Directorate, NSW Department of Education and Training (NSW DET)
- Mr Michael Berryman, Team Leader, Northcott Computer Assistive Technology Service (CATS) and Ms Liza McLean, Team Leader, Technology Solutions for Computer (TASC)
Program - Thursday
2nd September

8:00am  Registration
9:00am  Welcome to country
9:10am  Opening address - Life in the fast lane
        Miss Scarlett Finney, Year 12, Kellyville High School
9:30am  Moving to learn - learning to move - seeing the whole child using developmental coordination disorder/dyspraxia as a model
        Professor Amanda Kirby, Dyscovery Centre, UK
10:30am Morning tea break
11:30am Social and emotional impact of motor disorder in young children
        Professor Jan Piek, Curtin University, Perth
12:00pm Getting the most from your occupational therapist
        Professor Anita Bundy, University of Sydney
12:45pm Handwriting – development and intervention
        Ms Margaret Wallen, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead (CHW)
1:15pm  Lunch break
2:15pm  Special examination provisions and curriculum options for students with special education needs
        Ms Susan Jones and Mr Kevin Ford, Office of the Board of Studies
3:00pm  The emerging role of exercise medicine in children with chronic conditions
        Dr Robert Parker, CHISM, CHW
3:20pm  Is quality of life about balancing challenge and ability? Insights from boys with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
        Ms Paula Bray, CHW
3:45pm  An overview of the clinical management of motor disorders in children
        Dr Angie Morrow, CHW
4:30pm  Day 1 concludes

Program - Friday
3rd September

8:00am  Registration
9:00am  Opening address - Dyspraxia - through the looking glass
        Ms Christine Meredith, OAM, CEO, Australian Dyspraxia Association Inc.
9:30am  Seeing the whole child - genes and environment. How do they interact?
        Professor Amanda Kirby, Dyscovery Centre, UK
10:15am Cognitive functioning of children with motor impairments
        Professor Jan Piek, Curtin University, Perth
11:00am Morning tea break
11:30am Motor difficulties: Solutions through collaboration, lateral thinking and technology
        Mr Andrew Downie, Centre for Learning Innovation
12:30pm Ready, SETT, Go
        Mr Michael Berryman, Northcott Society CATS, Ms Liza McLean, TASC and Ms Cheryl Stambolis, NSW DET
1:15pm  Lunch break
2:15pm  Using the quality teaching frameworks to maximise potential in students with complex learning needs
        Ms Anne Bennett, Ms Raylee Singleton and Mr Mathew Dollison, Halinda school
3:00pm  101 Practical classroom strategies: A box of ideas, free resources and accessible ideas for the whole school day
        Professor Amanda Kirby, Dyscovery Centre, UK
4:00pm  Close
Motor difficulties in school aged children can vary widely, ranging from handwriting difficulties and clumsiness to conditions such as dyspraxia/developmental coordination disorder, to complex disabilities like cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy. These difficulties can pose great challenges to children’s daily activities, play, social interaction, academic achievements, emotions and frustration.

Most students with motor impairments also present with other difficulties such as poor attention (ADHD) and executive functioning, language disorders and learning problems. Schools must consider opportunities for success, practical modifications and physical safety for such students. In addition, new technologies are rapidly becoming available to educators, therapists and families to assist these students. Technology offers innovative opportunities for students to learn and to perform and, particularly, to meet individualised support needs.

This conference will discuss evidence-based approaches to the concepts, recognition, assessment and support strategies for motor disorders and various overlapping impairments.

In addition, the utilisation of existing technology to support students with motor and associated difficulties will be presented. Discussions will provide practical strategies, case illustrations and highlight current research.

This conference will be of great interest to educators, therapists, especially occupational therapists and physiotherapists, psychologists, GPs and paediatricians.

The program has been compiled with the assistance of

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- NSW Department of Education and Training
- Association of Independent Schools of NSW
- NSW Catholic Education Commission

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