

# Takapuna Grammar School

## Special Education Unit

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Tēnā koe  
Talofa lava  
Mālō 'etau lava  
你好  
안녕하세요!



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## Takapuna Grammar School (TGS) Special Education Unit

Welcome to the TGS Special Education Unit!

Our students are verified under the Ongoing Resource Scheme (ORS), up to 21 years of age. We cater for students with a range of both physical and learning disabilities.

We offer a curriculum that caters to the individual needs of students while maintaining an interactive classroom environment. Our programmes allow students to gain NZQA credits, with a focus on functional life skills. We also offer a variety of learning opportunities through sports and the arts.

We work within an inter-disciplinary team with specialist teachers, teacher aides and therapists including an Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist and Speech and Language Therapist.



### Enrolment

*For further information on enrolment please contact Michele, Head of Department. For Specialist Services information please contact the relevant professional.*

### Specialist Services

Specialist services are provided to students according to their level of need. There is a referral process in place which can be accessed through parent or teacher referral. Hours of specialists services depend on student funding.



## Specialist Services

### About Us

#### **Margie Hatrick-Smith**

*Occupational Therapist*

I am lucky to work each week at TGS which allows me to be accessible for all students should the need arise. I try to focus on life skills and all the array of possibilities that 'managing self' encompasses.

#### **Lynette Hing**

*Physiotherapist*

I work with the students and their families to achieve functional physical goals with the intention of improving the Students' quality of life and preparing the students for life after school.

#### **Gabrielle Simpson**

*Speech-Language Therapist*

I provide support for students with communication and swallowing difficulties.

This includes assessment of speech, language and swallowing through both individualized and group therapy sessions.

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