



Variety Motor Mouth Camp

Guidelines & Eligibility document

Child (AAC user) & Families

The Variety Motor Mouth Camp was founded in 2011 and was created with the intention to assist children who use augmentative and alternative communication aids (AAC) to express themselves. The camp is an immersive experience, encouraging the user and their family to fully embrace their device and incorporate it into everyday life.

A committee of volunteer therapists organise and run the camp alongside Variety staff. The next camp is to be held on Friday 10th – Sunday 12th April 2026 and combines fun, development, and recreational activities for all involved, whilst fostering opportunities to build meaningful connections with other individuals in the AAC community.

Our Values

- Equality – We believe everyone deserves a fair go in life.
- Community – We believe it takes a community to raise a child.
- Action – We believe in rolling up our sleeves and getting stuff done.
- Joy – We believe in the importance of life and laughter.

Camp goals

- Communication: Building competence and confidence for everyone in the family.
- Connection & Community: Meet, share and learn from others.
- Celebrating communication successes.
- Creating shared memories.

Eligibility

- Applicant must reside in WA.
- Applicant must be using AAC device (e.g., Tobii Dynavox, Accent, Nova Chat, GridPad, iPad with communication app etc.)
- Applicant must be aged between 5-18 years.
- Applicant must have at least one adult family member or carer who is able to attend camp for the full duration. It is ideal that the whole family attends to gain maximum benefit.
- Applicant (and family) must be willing to be involved in activities with a desire to improve their communication skills.
- Applicant must be able to work in small groups in a busy sensory environment.
- Applicant must have a Speech Pathologist that can support the application (form required to be completed) and be available for additional discussion if required.



Examples of camp program / schedule

- Group based communication activities (AAC users, family, and siblings).
- Family activities linked to AAC use / skill practice.
- Sibling recreational activities.
- Parent workshops / networking.
- Mentoring from adult AAC user.
- Fun evening activities (incorporating AAC use).

How to apply to attend camp:

Complete and submit the online application form by no later than Wednesday 14 January 2026.

Additional information:

- Camp is suitable for children with all levels of device experience and communication skills.
- Camp is held at Point Walter, Bicton. Staying overnight with your family is recommended although not compulsory.
- There is no cost to families to attend.
- Families are encouraged to attend with all parents and siblings.
- A survey will be requested to be completed at the end of camp for feedback and measuring impact.

KEY DATES

17 October 2025	Applications open
14 January 2026	Applications close
End January 2026	Applications are reviewed by the committee
13 February 2026	Outcome letters are sent to families via email
End March 2026 (date tbc)	Pre-camp information session held online for all participants
10 April 2026	Friday 10 April to Sunday 12 April Camp running

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Program Coordinator via email mmc@varietywa.org.au or phone 9355 3655.