



### **Educational Assessment**

Psychologists have particular skill in performing assessments for your child or teen. When we receive requests from families, educators or medical specialists to help understand how to help a child's learning, a variety of assessments can be completed.

Comprehensive assessments can help to answer questions such as:

Does my child have an intellectual disability or specific learning disability?

Is my child gifted?

Does my child require specific supports for their school learning?

Does my child qualify for specific funding or support due to their learning differences?

The key assessment tools used in conjunction with detailed family assessments will include:

- The Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children Fifth Edition (WISC-V)
- The Wechsler Individual Achievement Test (WIAT-III)

Educational assessments measure a child's academic ability level in a range of areas including oral language, basic reading, reading comprehension and fluency, written expression, mathematics and maths fluency. An objective measurement tool is used to assist in identifying particular areas of academic strengths and weaknesses. Results acquired through the assessment process provide an indicator of a child's skill in a particular academic area, compared to a normative age- or grade-matched sample.

Educational assessments with children are often considered necessary following cognitive assessments and alongside these, to determine whether a child is gifted in a learning area or may have a learning difficulty or disability. For instance, a child with below average academic achievement which is also significantly below what would be expected given their cognitive capability, may have a specific learning disability in a particular area. An educational assessment, combined with the results of other tests, can provide information to assist parents and teachers to better

understand a child's academic strengths and weaknesses and inform effective individualised learning plans.

Developmental History Interview with Parents-(60-90 minutes)

Completion of checklists and questionnaires relevant to your child/teen

WISC-V administration (60 minutes to 90 minutes)

WIAT-III (2 sessions at 60-180 minutes)

Comprehensive Report detailing Assessment Results & Recommendations

Feedback Session Appointment (60 minutes)

Cost of Assessment and Report: \$1500

#### *How the Payment Process Works?*

The face to face sessions are to be paid for on the day at the psychologists usual sessional rate (as they may be entitled to a rebate under private health insurance).

Payments can be made in instalments across the length of the involvement, however the report cannot be released until full payment is finalised. Medicare rebates are not available for educational assessments

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