



Intellectual Disability 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 assessment can be completed.

Comprehensive assessments can help to answer questions such as:

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

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 a detailed family assessments will include:

The Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children Fifth Edition (WISC-V)

The Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scale-3rd Edition (Vineland-3)

This summarises what will be completed and the associated costs for the Psychologist components of the assessment for an assessment of ability, which is also often called an IQ assessment. This is completed using the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Fifth Edition (WISC-V).

Cognitive assessments or intelligence tests are used to determine a child's learning capability by identifying their cognitive strengths and weaknesses. When interpreted in combination with comprehensive background information, parent and teachers interviews, the results of cognitive tests can provide a profile which can assist with the development of individualised intervention and learning plans for children.

The Vineland-3 helps to determine whether there are specific gaps in a child's ability across a wide range of daily living skills such as being able to communicate, socialise, move and do day to day jobs. Deficits in these is also required if an intellectual disability is diagnosed.

The sessions and estimated time that this will require:

- Developmental History Interview with Parents (60-90 minutes)
- Completion of checklists and questionnaires relevant to your child/teen
- WISC-V administration (60 minutes to 120 minutes)

- Vineland-3 (either online or in a structured interview).
- Comprehensive report detailing results & recommendations
- Feedback and report discussion appointment (55-60minutes)

Assessment & Report Cost: \$1100

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).

A payment plan can be arranged with Side by Side Psychology over an agreed period of time-for example direct debits beginning at the commencement of the assessments. Once the full cost of the assessment has been paid the Assessment Report will be released.

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