

Referral Process

- * Referrals are initiated through discussion between parents and schools and are made through the Learning Support Teacher or Student Counsellor.
- * Parental permission is required before a student can be seen by the Psychologist.
- * Referrals are prioritised according to need.

Depending on the reason for referral, relevant information may include academic records, medical reports, paediatric or other specialist reports, and hearing or vision test results.

It is helpful to include all relevant information with the referral.

With parent consent, the Psychologist routinely liaises with external health service providers.



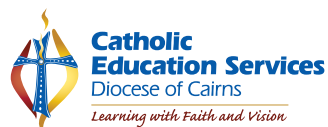
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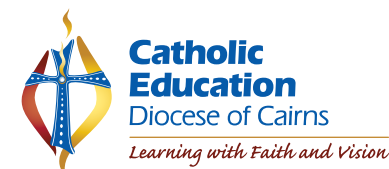
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Psychology Services

What is a Psychologist's job?

Psychologists specialise in understanding the human mind and behaviour and the profession encompasses a wide range of specialty areas.

Psychologists in school settings are primarily interested in mental health, thinking/reasoning and learning and the associated social, emotional and educational impacts.

They provide a range of services to improve student's well-being and participation in all aspects of school life for optimal educational outcomes.



What Psychology Services are provided by Catholic Education Services?

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- Supporting Student Needs – in collaboration with teachers and school based care teams, Psychology Services may assist in developing an Individual Support Plan for implementation at school. This may include specific strategies and recommendations for educational adjustments; referral to external service providers for treatment/support; facilitating referrals to paediatricians



as required;

- Planning and Programming – preparation of confidential comprehensive interpretive reports and feedback meetings with students, parents and schools;
- Assessment - psychometric testing; diagnosis of Intellectual Impairment; psychological and mental health assessments;
- Practical Assistance and Support to Schools for High Risk Students – suicide risk assessment and safety planning;
- Psychology Services work with schools to provide an additional level of support to complement school based interventions that have been implemented;
- Ongoing support, advice and input for students verified in the category of Social Emotional Disorder (SED).

Who Is Eligible to access Psychology Services?

- Students from Prep to Year 12 in Catholic schools whose ability to participate in the school curriculum is impacted by symptoms of a suspected psychological condition or significant cognitive difficulties.



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