



Guide to Understanding an Educational Assessment

An educational assessment is a comprehensive evaluation conducted by a Psychologist to understand an individual's cognitive abilities, their academic skills and learning profile. This assessment helps identify strengths, weaknesses, and any learning challenges that may affect academic performance. The results and findings from an educational assessment can assist in securing individual student funding and school-based learning support, as well as providing evidence to apply for Special Provisions for students undertaking their Victorian Certificate of Education.

Please find the systematic approach a Psychologist would follow in order to conduct a comprehensive Educational Assessment below:

Initial Consultation with Parents/Carers and Young Person: The process begins with an initial consultation where the Psychologist gathers information about the client's concerns, developmental history, educational background, and any relevant information from previous assessments or interventions.

Testing/Assessment Sessions: The core of the assessment involves administering the standardised testing materials over one or more testing sessions. The testing materials are designed to measure various aspects of cognitive functioning and academic achievement.

Standardised Testing Materials:

- **WISC-V (Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children):** *The WISC-V is a widely used tool to assess the cognitive abilities of children and adolescents aged 6 to 16 years. It measures different aspects of intelligence, such as verbal comprehension, perceptual reasoning, working memory, and processing speed.*
- **WIAT (Wechsler Individual Achievement Test):** *The WIAT assesses an individual's academic skills in areas such as reading, writing, mathematics, and oral language. It helps identify how well a person is performing academically compared to their peers.*

In addition to standardised testing, Psychologists may make contact with the client's school/teachers to gather further information.

Comprehensive Educational Assessment Report: After completing the assessments, the Psychologist provides a comprehensive written report incorporating a detailed

understanding of the client's learning profile. Based on the assessment results, the Psychologist will recommend specific educational strategies, accommodations, or interventions to help support the client's learning and development.

Consultation and Feedback Session: The Psychologist will schedule a feedback session to discuss the assessment findings with the client and their parents/guardians. Assessment results and findings will be reviewed, recommendations for support and interventions will be presented, and this session will allow for any questions or comments to be explored.

All information collected during the assessment process is confidential and will only be shared with the individual's and/or the primary caregivers consent.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an educational assessment, please don't hesitate get in contact via our [Bookings and Enquiries](#) form on our website or directly contact [Third Space Psychology](#).