# This Month At

# Vis-CAT

**Official Newsletter of Visual Cognition Assessment tool**

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## 2026 Updates

Dear Vis-CAT Community,

What a season it has been. Since our last update, our community has grown and we couldn't be more grateful to welcome every new subscriber alongside our founding members. You're part of something that truly matters getting the right tools to the right children, before it's too late. We have a lot to share. Let's dive in!

### We Won an Award!

We are thrilled to announce that Vis-CAT has won an Australian Enterprise Award 2026, presented by APAC Insider: **Most Pioneering HealthTech Start-Up Innovation Award for Child-Friendly Digital Experience Solutions 2026**

This award is a testament to the passion, rigour, and creativity that the entire Vis-CAT® team brings to this work every day. Visual cognition screening deserves a place in every school and clinic and now the wider world is taking notice. This milestone belongs to every teacher, clinician, researcher, and parent who has believed in this mission from the beginning.

### A Personal Milestone

We are delighted to share that our Founder & CEO, Dr. Christine Nearchou, has been appointed as an Honorary Principal Fellow at The University of Melbourne , a well-deserved recognition of Christine's long-standing contribution to research, paediatric vision and eye health, and the science of visual cognition. This new role allows Christine to direct a more focused energy toward her research and development of Vis-CAT®, and we couldn't be more excited for what that means for the road ahead.

### Research Spotlight

The science supporting Vis-CAT® continues to grow. Our research page has been fully updated with the latest papers, corrected links, and accessible summaries so whether you're an educator, clinician, or researcher, you can find the evidence-base clearly laid out.

Of note: we are actively in conversation with leading researchers including Dr Angelea Perez and colleagues at the University of Florida to explore academic collaboration and expanding raising awareness of Developmental Visual Spatial Disorder (DVSD). The proposed reclassification from NVLD to DVSD, potentially entering the next edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) represents a landmark shift and we are proud to be part of the conversation driving it forward.

**Vis-CAT® Product**

Updates Our tech team has been working hard behind the scenes. Here's what's new:

*Admin App is Now Live:* The admin app is now fully operational and has already received strong educator and clinician interest to trial the new platform. The platform supports QR code-based testing, candidate management, class creation, and detailed reporting, all designed to be fast and intuitive for busy educators and clinicians.

*iPad optimisation:* We've resolved previous screen movement issues and launched a version optimised for iPads and tablets, giving schools and clinicians greater flexibility in how they administer assessments.

*Reporting Enhancements:* The reporting system now handles test retakes, result management, and candidate filtering with improvements to test recordings and reports ready to enhance the user experience.

**Media & Social**

*Podcast Coming Soon:* A podcast interview, delivered by Christine for Speech Apraxia UK, featuring discussion of sensory processing issues and visual cognition in children is currently being edited ahead of publication. We'll share the link with our community as soon as it goes live, stay tuned!

*Social Media Awareness Campaign:* Our team has launched a social media campaign focused on Developmental Visual Spatial Disorder, including carousel posts for Instagram and Facebook. The campaign aims to raise awareness among parents, educators, and health professionals. If you haven't already, follow us on FB and IG for regular updates.

**Growing Together**

Our subscriber community has grown and that growth is meaningful. Every new member represents a teacher, clinician, researcher, or advocate who believes that visual cognition matters. Thank you for being part of this journey. The more of us there are, the louder the message: no child should slip through the cracks because their learning difference was invisible.

What's Next:

• *US Trial Launch April 2026:* We are preparing for our first formal North American trial rollout.

• *Production Launch:* Following final in-school and clinic testing and bug resolution, Vis-CAT® will be soon available to new schools and clinics.

• *Academic Collaboration:* We are working to continue our research partnerships in Australia and the US.

**Get Involved**

Are you a teacher, school leader, psychologist, optometrist, or researcher? We'd love to hear from you

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Interested in trialling Vis-CAT® at your school or clinic? Drop us an email.