

Confidentiality

Information given to the Psychologist is confidential and can only be shared by consent or by law. Any information relating to Psychology Team involvement that is held at the school, is kept in a separate confidential file in a secure location.

Privacy

The CEWA Psychology Team collects personal information, which may include sensitive information, about the child and parents or guardians. The primary purpose of this is to assist the school to optimise student learning and development. Health information about students, which may include psychological information, is sensitive information within the terms of the National Privacy Principles under the Federal Privacy Act. In reporting back to the school, the CEWA Psychology Team may disclose some of this sensitive information. Information collected from students is generally shared with parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may seek access to personal information held about them or their children.



Photos featuring students from Notre Dame Catholic Primary School, Francis Jordan Catholic Primary School, Santa Clara School, Nagle Catholic College, St Francis Xavier Primary School and Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School.

CEWA PSYCHOLOGY TEAM

Information for Parents and Guardians



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The Role of the CEWA Psychologist

Psychologists have a minimum of six years training and supervision and are required to be registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). They are bound by the Australian Psychological Society Code of Ethics.

Psychologists with the CEWA Psychology Team have specialist skills to support and provide direction to schools in meeting the psychological and educational needs associated with student learning, behaviour, attendance, crisis response and mental health.



Service Delivery

Every Catholic school has an assigned Psychologist. The Psychologist can support the school in many ways including providing training to staff, assisting with the development and implementation of whole school systems, policies, processes and programs and being available for consultation.

The school may also engage psychology services when they have determined that a student has a need that the school has not been able to adequately address with school-based resources. Prior to a Psychologist being involved, the school will have discussed the concerns with the parent/guardian.

When the Psychologist has been engaged, they will gather relevant information from the school and parent/guardian. This information will enable the Psychologist to determine the appropriate course of action.

The Psychologist will discuss this course of action with the parent/ guardian, and then proceed. Parents and the school will receive feedback from the Psychologist about any actions taken. Any information gathered can only be used for the primary purpose for which it was collected.

Consent

Except in specific cases, such as in cases of emergency, informed consent must be obtained prior to a Psychologist engaging directly with a student.

Informed consent requires that the parent/ guardian is fully informed about the services to be provided, the possible risks and benefits, the consequences of engaging or not, and of issues such as confidentiality. Consent for Psychologist involvement can be withdrawn at any time.



Cost

Services by CEWA Psychologists are at no cost to parents for eligible students. The Psychology Team is funded by the State Government through the Department of Education Services (DES) with additional financial support from CEWA.

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