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Lilley Place Assessment Information Sheet

Thank you for enquiring about assessment services at Lilley Place. Psychological assessments can vary widely depending on the presenting concern and level of complexity, so here is some basic information.

What we can do:

- Cognitive assessment for ages 6 and above, examining IQ, learning difficulties
- Screening for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Diagnostic assessment of ASD (ADOS and/or MIGDAS)
- Identification of patterns of strengths and weaknesses in learning
- Assessment for various learning disorders
- Assessment of adaptive functioning and disability, including for initial National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) access requests
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) – diagnoses need to be signed off by a Paediatricianor Psychiatrist
- Tailored recommendations and intervention strategies
- School access arrangements and reasonable adjustment reports

What we don't do:

- Cognitive assessment for those below 6 years of age
- Guarantee a diagnosis
- Guarantee that a diagnosis won't need confirmation by a specialist
- Guarantee NDIS access
- Guarantee that initial testing won't yield further assessment needs, or onward referral where it is best practice for input by a Paediatrician, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, or another specialist

The process:

- **Step 1 – Intake session**
  Your clinician will take the relevant history, discuss recommendations for testing and outline costs in a service agreement or send to you shortly after intake if research/planning/supervision is required. This agreement is a document that will be updated during the testing process if/as required.

  Please bring to your first session a copy of all academic school reports and standardised assessment (i.e. NAPLAN), in addition to any other relevant school reports (including Individual Education Plans (IEPs), Education Support Plans (ESPs) etc), as well as specialist letters or reports from other professionals. This is an important part of the assessment process and collateral information from teachers or past/existing specialists provides extremely valuable information. We *strongly* recommend having a recent hearing and vision screen before assessments are administered (bulk billing service providers are available in Indooroopilly shopping centre).

  ***PLEASE NOTE*:** If you are already a client of the service and begin an assessment process, this may require a new intake session to gather assessment-specific information if not already available and/or assessment is separate to reason for initial presentation.

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- **Step 2 – Assessment**
  Some assessments require onsite administration (including the WISC, WIAT or WAIS) which will be billed hourly, and some are paper or email versions that can be sent home with you or given to teachers. We cannot begin Step 3 until we have received all completed assessments.

- **Step 3 – Report writing**
  Once all assessments are completed, your clinician will begin scoring and interpreting the assessments and write a tailored report. This step usually takes 3 weeks *after* receiving all completed assessments back. This is because correct interpretation of each assessment item is maximised when there is knowledge and understanding of *all* the information – all the puzzle pieces are needed on the table to be able to fit them together. You will be contacted when the report is ready and asked to book in a feedback session, if you haven't already, to receive your results.

- **Step 4 – Feedback session**
  Your clinicians will deliver your assessment findings and discuss the written report in detail.

- **Step 5 – Releasing of report**
  You will receive copies of the report *once your account is settled in full.* This typically occurs at the feedback session.

Approximate costings:
Assessments are billed at a consistent hourly rate of $330 (plus the standard additional $20 after-hours fee if booked 5pm onwards or on Saturdays. NOTE: there is no after-hours surcharge on report writing). The estimated cost of your assessment process would be confirmed with your clinician after a detailed intake session, any amendments would then be confirmed with you before proceeding. There is a considerable variability between costing however we quote the average cost to be $3300 for a standard size report.

Time commitment:
Assessments are not quick processes due to their thorough nature and several steps. The timeline an assessment process takes to complete will depend on the number of factors such as:

- The assessment's scope, purpose and audience, which will be discussed at intake. This is so that we can understand the assessment tools and report formats best suited for your intended purpose.
- Number of assessment sessions required, which can vary considerably depending on a range of factors (i.e. impulsivity, the number of questions able to be answered, anxiety, perfectionism, longer thinking time, slower processing speed, fatigue, language difficulties, etc)
- Whether testing needs to be spread out across multiple shorter sessions (particularly with younger children or where there are attention and concentration concerns, etc).
- Complexity of the case
- Whether initial testing reveals a need for extra assessment
- The time taken to complete and return all assessments
- Availability of appointments
- Client attendance at all booked appointments

Booking:
If you have read and understood the above information and would like to proceed with an assessment, please contact Lilley Place on (07) 3378 9130.