SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICE

The School Psychology Service (SPS) provides a specialist psychological assessment, intervention and consultation service for schools. Our SPS is provided by our school Psychologist Gael Harris. Services are provided:

- For students, school staff, parents and inter-agency partners
- Directly and indirectly
- Proactively and responsively
- At the individual, group, whole school and system levels
- Using a scientist-practitioner model
- By School Psychologists who are governed by a professional registration process and a code of ethics

SERVICES PROVIDED

The SPS provides support in three main areas:

1. Behaviour
   - They work with students, parents and their schools to identify and change target behaviours at the individual, group and systemic level.

2. Learning
   - Conduct assessments of students experiencing learning difficulties and/or disabilities at schools.
   - Support schools in making appropriate curriculum adjustments for students in order to enhance their learning outcomes.

3. Mental Health and Well-being
   - Providing direct support for students experiencing mental health and wellbeing difficulties.
   - Assist schools and children to maximise the development of positive mental health and well-being.

ACCESSING THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

The work of the School Psychologists is driven by school needs. The nature of services provided for any particular school is negotiated with the school principal. The school allocation is one day per week and two days every fourth week.

The most expedient way for a parent to access a School Psychologist is to speak with the school’s leadership team (the Principal or Deputy Principal). This will then afford an opportunity for the concerns to be discussed and any further actions negotiated. Attached is the access pathway for our school psychologist.
Request for Service: School Psychologist - Poynter P.S.

- Discussion with parent
- Expression of concern to Lynne

Collaborative Case Management (Discussion)
- Problem?
- What has happened?
- What's been tried?
- How effective?
- Actions - Who (IEP/IPP)

Consultancy role

Case conference

Informed consent/ Psychological Service Provision