

Cognitive Assessment

Fact Sheet

Understanding how your child learns

Understanding your child's learning profile can help to identify a person's natural intellectual strengths and weakness; thus identifying any areas of deficit or giftedness they may have. The results assist in the development of useful and relevant learning and individual plans for them.

At Fabic we use a cognitive assessment to work out the main strengths and weaknesses related to learning profiles, executive function, attention disorders, intellectual disabilities and giftedness.

To measure your child's learning potential and ability, we use the Weschler Intelligence Scale for Children Fourth Edition (WISC-IV) test, which has four main parts:

1. Verbal comprehension which is the ability to listen to a question, draw on learned information, reason through an answer and express thoughts aloud,
2. Perceptual reasoning which is the ability to examine a problem, use visual-motor and visual-spatial skills, organise thoughts, create solutions and test those solutions,
3. Working memory which is the ability to remember new information and hold it in the short-term memory, concentrate and use that information to produce a result or reasoning process,
4. Processing speed which is the ability to focus attention and quickly scan, discriminate between and order visual information.

What?

In the cognitive assessment we conduct two tests:

1. Weschler Intelligence Scale for Children- Fourth Edition (WISC-IV)
2. Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test 4th Edition (PPVT-4)

The assessment consists of:

1. An initial interview with the carer
2. Up to 4 testing sessions with the student
3. We then prepare a report detailing the student's intellectual strengths, weaknesses and our recommendations
4. A feedback session to discuss the report with the carer

When?

In order for the report to accurately reflect the student's ability, we believe that the student should not be tested when they feel fatigued or anxious. For this reason we conduct the testing over a number of sessions.

Where?

The meetings take place at our Fabic office in Worongary.

For more information, call Fabic on (07) 5530 5099