

School readiness for Prep and Pre-Prep Assessment

How will my child cope with the transition to school?

Both parents and educators are united in wanting children to have the most favourable experience possible when they start formal schooling, to set them up with a positive approach to their future education.

Fabic has designed a unique, holistic assessment program which provides parents and educators with a greater understanding of a child's level of intellectual functioning and learning style to assist in creating a learning environment that best meets their needs.

The program includes cognitive, social, academic and intellectual assessments. The Weschler Preschool & Primary Scale of Intelligence (WPPSI) assesses general intellectual functioning and can identify intellectual giftedness, as well as cognitive delay and learning difficulties. The primary goal is to identify the child's natural strengths and weakness to support adults to understand how they are likely to best and least learn.

The Weschler Individual Achievement Test (WIAT) measures academic strengths and weaknesses in reading, maths, written language and oral language. Combined with the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test – 4th Edition (PPVT-4), these assessments can aid and inform educational interventions and support in the successful transition into an educational setting.

The assessments are carried out over seven sessions to enable the child to cope with the pace of testing and ensure the most accurate result.

The ideal time to conduct the assessment is when the child is 5-7 years old where possible prior to starting formal schooling. The results of the assessments presented in a formal report aid parents and educators to understand how a child experiences the world and how they can support the child to adapt to the school environment, learn new skills and meet their full potential.

What?

The School Readiness Program consists of:

- An initial interview with significant carer
- 7 sessions at Fabic to conduct the assessments
 - I. Weschler Preschool & Primary Scale of Intelligence(WPPSI)
 - II. Weschler Individual Achievement Test (WIAT)
 - III. Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test – 4th Edition (PPVT-4)
- 1 x observation of child in one of their natural settings
- A detailed report focussing on the student's strengths, weaknesses and recommendations
- A feedback session with significant carer to review the information in the report

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. Trying to conduct too much testing in a single session can be overwhelming for a child. For these reasons we conduct the testing over a number of sessions and thus the process can take a long time.

Where?

The meetings take place at our FABIC office in Worongary and we observe the child in the home environment. If there is more than one setting, we can arrange more than one visit for an additional fee. The cost of observations depends on how far it is from the FABIC office (more than 15 minutes from FABIC incurs extra travel cost).

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