

Geraldton Grammar School Student Referral Protocol

The Geraldton Grammar School Student Referral Protocol provides a frame of reference for various staff to take action regarding student mental health and wellbeing issues. The overarching principle is the acknowledgement many students require support due to circumstances in their life and that school staff should not work beyond their professional expertise regarding student mental health issues. The school, at all stages in the Student Referral Protocol will support the actions of the relevant health care professionals, parents and the needs of the individual student. This may include support in implementing a Care, Treatment and Personal Management Plan in consultation with the student, referring body, parent and school staff.

School In-House Action	Referral to: Professional Psychological Assessment (AISWA Psychological Services)	Referral to: Headspace (99438111) Or Centacare Family Services (99211433) (or other agency)	Referral to: General Practitioner or Mental Health Professional	Referral to: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) at Central West Mental Health Service) (99561999)	Referral to: Child Protection and Mandatory Reporting Organisations
<p>Decision Making: Head of School Head of Student Development Head of Curriculum Chaplain</p> <p>School Action: Student, Parent or Three way meeting</p> <p>Examples include: Minor behavioural issues Bullying Study anxiety Student mediation</p>	<p>Decision Making: Head of School Head of Curriculum Inclusive Education Teacher</p> <p>School Action: Telephone and written request to parent for Professional Psychological Assessment</p> <p>Examples include: Poor academic performance based suspected student need – assessment for special needs/ascertainment Learning Support Assessment for Special Provisions</p>	<p>Decision Making: Head of School Head of Student Development Chaplain</p> <p>School Action: Telephone and written request to parent for recommending to Headspace or Centacare or other agencies</p> <p>Examples include: Friendship issues School anxiety Grief Continued bullying behaviours that are unresolved after School In-House Action Unresolved Behavioural Issues</p>	<p>Decision Making: Head of School (in consultation with the Principal)</p> <p>School Action: Telephone and written request to parent for referral to GP Continued counselling may be required.</p> <p>Examples include: Suspected eating disorders Suspected anxiety disorders Dysthymia Obsessive Thinking Compulsive Routines Traumatic Event Drug or Alcohol Issues</p>	<p>Decision Making: Head of School (in consultation with the Principal)</p> <p>School Action: Telephone and written request to parent for referral to CAMHS. Request for communication between CAMHS and the School</p> <p>Examples include: Major Depression Risk of Harm to Others High Anxiety Psychosis Suicidality Self Harm</p>	<p>Decision Making: Teacher and/or The Principal School Action: The Principal reports Reportable Physical, Emotional/Psychological Abuse and Neglect to the Central Duty Team at Child Protection and Family Support 9965 9500 CPFfrontdesk_CS-MURC_Murchison@dcp.wa.gov.au</p> <p>The Teacher reports Sexual Abuse to the Department of Child Protection and Family Support Mandatory Reporting Service 1800 708 704 www.mandatoryreporting.dcp.wa.gov.au</p> <p>Note: Refer to Child Protection Policy.</p>

*It is important to note that the examples provided above do not represent an exhaustive list.

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Support Documentation - http://www.mentalhealth.wa.gov.au/Libraries/pdf_docs/WA_Mental_Health_Services_for_Young_People.sflb.ashx

*All referrals are recorded in the student file

*All referrals require documentation noting that the student has attended consultation – a meeting with the Principal is required if this does not occur.

AISWA Psychological Services Support:

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Appendix 1: Support Documentation for decision making regarding the referral process

Geraldton Services:

HeadSpace

Supporting the emotional wellbeing of children and young people aged 12-25 years.

Phone: 9943 8111

Email: admin@headspacegeraldton.com.au

Office: 193 Marine Terrace, Geraldton, WA. 6530.

Self-referral or school referral process available.

Free counselling service.

Helping Minds

Supporting the emotional wellbeing of children and their families in Regional WA.

Phone: 1800 811 747

Office: 180 Dulacher Street

Geraldton, WA 6530.

Self-referral or school referral process available.

Free counselling service.

<http://helpingminds.org.au/>

360 Health Centre Geraldton

Youth mental health first aid courses available for staff and parents.

School and self-referral for child mental health services.

Phone: 99606800

Fax: 0862101447

Office: Level 1, 5 Chapman Road

Geraldton, WA. 6530

<http://www.360.org.au/>

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Geraldton Psychologists

Amy Seear

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Practicing psychologist with experience in treating depression (including post natal), anxiety, stress, trauma, substance use, anger, eating disorders, personality disorders and others.

Experience preparation of psychological assessments and reports for clinical or forensic practice. Kim Weatherston

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Adults and adolescents for:

Brain injury • Personality disorder Relationship issues • Mediation and disputes Post-traumatic Stress • Depression and anxiety Phobias and panic • Adjustment to disability

Clinical assessment and therapy for:

Developmental issues • Dyslexia • Assessment and assistance with school work • ADD/ADHD Bedwetting and soiling • Tantrums and aggression • Autism and Asperger's Syndrome • IQ and cognitive delay • Academic giftedness Neuropsychological Evaluation • Differential Diagnosis • Anxiety and depression • Personality disorder

Family therapy for:

Eating disorders • Conflict • Relationship difficulties • Self-esteem and motivation counselling

Tim is a Clinical Psychologist based in Geraldton WA. Working with people of all ages, he specialises in assessing and treating children and young people. He works for the Child Development Services at the Regional Hospital in Geraldton and at Mullewa Community Health. He has private rooms in Forrest Street and has admission privileges at St John of God Hospital. He has worked in psychological practice for over 14 years in paediatric, psychiatric, clinical and forensic settings. He is a Doctor of Law (J.D.) candidate at the UNE School of Law est. 2015. He is currently the Chairman of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) in the Midwest and member of the Regional Rural and Remote Advisory Group (RRRAG) to the national board of the APS. He is a Member of the Australian College of Clinical Psychologists (CCLIN), an Associate Member of the College of Organisational Psychologists (COP) and is registered with the National Board of Psychology

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