

## CONSENT FORM

Welcome to Sunshine Coast Psychology Clinic. We aim to provide you with a professional service in a comfortable, safe and friendly environment.

### Psychological Service

As part of providing a psychological service to you (or your child) we will need to collect and record personal information from you that is relevant to your current situation. This information is a necessary part of your psychological assessment and treatment.

### Information Storage

The information is gathered as part of the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of the client's condition, and is seen by only the psychologist. The information is retained in order to document what happens during sessions and enable the psychologist to provide a relevant and informed psychological service.

### Confidentiality

All personal information gathered by the psychologist during sessions will remain confidential, unless:

1. It has been subpoenaed by a court or authorised by law.
2. Failure to do so would place you or another person at serious risk.
3. Your prior approval has been obtained.

As part of the Better Access program, Medicare insists that psychologists write a brief report to your GP during the course of treatment to ensure that you continue to receive a rebate.

### Fees

The cost of the initial consultation is \$155 (which includes a \$10 administration fee) and \$145 for subsequent sessions, with an additional \$10 for HCWA clients. Sessions typically last 50 minutes. We have a Hicaps terminal, so you will be able to receive your immediate Medicare rebate if you are eligible under the Better Access program and have a Mental Health Care Plan. Alternatively, you may be able to claim part of your fee through your private health fund.

### Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel or postpone your appointment, please provide at least 24 hours' notice. If less than 24 hours' notice is provided, you will be charged a cancellation fee of 50 per cent. If no notice is provided, you will be charged 100% of the fee. Contact us at the office on 5309 6128 to cancel or reschedule appointments.

### Newsletter

Our clinic emails a newsletter to our clients. Clients' email addresses and other personal information are not given or sold to third parties. If you wish to unsubscribe from our newsletter, please let us know.

### Charter for Clients of Psychologists

I, (print name) ..... have read, understood and agree with the consent form and the conditions stated.

Signature ..... Date .....

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