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Ken is an Educational & Developmental Psychologist with a broad range of experience providing counselling & assessment for children, adolescents, & families. His areas of expertise include:

- Behaviour Management
- Intellectual/Cognitive Assessment
- Depression & Anxiety
- Anger Management
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Family therapy
- Child therapy
- Career and workplace difficulty

Ken's therapeutic style incorporates cognitive-behavioural, solution focused, positive psychology, motivational interviewing, psycho-education, and play therapy approaches, depending on the needs of the client.

Ken has a passion for his job as a psychologist, particularly by seeing a person grow and fulfill their potential through learning and developing the awareness and insight to accomplish tasks with all of their ability.

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Behaviour Management

Individual & Family Therapy

Assessment & Reports

Behaviour Management Specialisation

Ken Specialises in Behaviour Management, in home, school &/or work environments. Behaviour Management is primarily used with children presenting with challenging behaviour, and requires both parents / carers / teachers, and the child themselves, to understand and change their patterns of interaction to achieve a functional and positive outcome.

Cognitive & Behavioural Assessments

Ken has experience in conducting intellectual and other cognitive assessments which can assist in the understanding of a child, young person or adults intellectual strengths & weaknesses, and allow information and environments to be structured accordingly. He is also proficient in behavioural and developmental assessments which can help understand why a person acts as they do. Ken is currently able to provide specific psychometric assessment in the following areas:

- Intellectual Assessment
- Language Assessment
- Achievement Assessment
- Adaptive Behaviour Assessment
- Autistic Spectrum Assessment

Autistic Spectrum Disorders & Intellectual Disabilities

Ken also specialises in Autistic Spectrum Disorders & Intellectual Disabilities, working with both the individual with the diagnosis, as well as with the families, partners or carers of these individuals.

Ken can provide diagnostic assessments and reports, incorporating a clinical interview, assessment tools and liaising with relevant professionals. Ongoing interventions are also available, designed to address the individual or family's areas of need. These interventions and supports can be tailored across home, school or work environments.

Family & Sibling counselling can be provided, aimed at assisting in the understanding of the diagnosis, or to provide support to the sibling or parent affected by the increased support needs of another member of their family.

Training

Ken has run numerous training sessions for the disability sector specifically around working with Challenging Behaviours. This training focuses on understanding the nature of, and the interventions relating to, the challenging behaviours of children, adolescents and adults with an intellectual disability.

Other Information

Ken is a registered Medicare provider, enabling clients to receive rebates via a GP for individual and group therapy.

He is a Member of the Australian Psychological Society (APS).



Embracing Technology

Ken is a qualified "Marte Meo" therapist, a technique using video filming and feedback to help parents and carers understand the developmental message behind their child's behaviour. It is a strengths based approach to help parents and carers better attend to and therefore stimulate communication and connectivity. Contact Ken for further information or learn about it at www.martemeeo.com