



Wrap Around Kids™
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the puzzle together.



What is Wrap-Around Kids?

Wrap Around Kids is an award-winning, Australian program designed to address the growing incidence of kids who don't fit in with today's classroom environment. It's designed to provide teachers with practical classroom strategies for managing different learning styles and behaviours.

"This is a brilliant way to work with ADHD students, parents and teachers..."

Helen Cooney, Special Education Consultant,
Catholic Education Office

We believe Wrap Around Kids™ is the first of its kind in the world to integrate the skills of a professional network of therapists, medical experts and educators and support them with an internet-based software application that provides the framework to facilitate the documentation and sharing of information between parents, carers and managing professionals.

How does it work?

Quite simply, it's a collaborative dynamic of parents together with education and health professionals in a confidential meeting with the child at the school. Here, they gather precious insights that help determine the issues affecting the child's health, learning outcomes, social success, family and psychological well-being.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

Where it works:

In the last 3 years, Wrap Around Kids has been established in ten schools throughout New South Wales, with tremendously rewarding success rates and acceptance levels.



Dr Paul Hutchins,
Head of Child Development Unit,
The Childrens' Hospital, at Westmead

"This program could be and should be in every school!"

"...It has to be the best management I have experienced as a special education teacher. Thank you"

Helen Cooney, Special Education Consultant, CEO, Lismore

"I believe it's a strong and healthy partnership. I've seen children's lives change dramatically – it has been a wonderful experience for my staff."

Sr Margaret Bannon, Principal, Woolgoolga

"Niyimpa kor ntsetse ba – It takes an entire village to raise a child."

African Proverb



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students families

“ I’d be lost without Wrap Around Kids™. I’d feel I’d have no contact at school without it. Having the health professionals involved opens up a huge book of knowledge ... ”

Sharon, Parent

Wrap Around Kids™ Program provides students with:

Effective management for

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Learning Disabilities
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Hearing and visual impairment
- Emotional and behavioural disorders
- Intellectual and/or physical disabilities
- Other medical conditions

Program benefits provide

- Early intervention and effective management of identified conditions
- Improvement in academic, psychological, social and health areas
- The opportunity to identify and work with student strengths thereby improving self-esteem and sense of belonging
- Identified funding opportunities to access special programs

Wrap Around Kids™ Program provides families with:

- A new level of understanding for parents and carers
- Support in advocating for their child
- Access to all information
- Practical strategies and understanding of referral services

The benefits include

- Improved understanding of individual strengths and areas of vulnerability
- Improved family dynamics and sibling relationships
- Increased confidence
- Information to navigate referral pathways

“I found it of great assistance, having a holistic approach and being able to confer with all the professionals involved with my son at the same time.”

Carl, Parent

“I would describe the Wrap Around Kids™ program as a wonderful improvement in communication – offers hope for parents.”

Prue, Teacher

“I cannot overstate the help that this has been to myself and my family during a very difficult period of our lives. ”

Linda, Parent

“Without Wrap Around Kids™ my son could have been one of those children who just slipped away and become, not so much trouble but trouble for himself, because he wouldn’t have known where he fitted in.”

Tony, Parent



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teachers health professionals

“ It is exciting to be in a team watching relationships develop between parents, teachers and health professionals ...the communication is still going which is great! ”

Simone Ley, Speech Pathologist

“GPs and teachers talking ...it can only be of benefit.”

Parent

“They feel there are people walking with them through troubled waters.”

Sue McKimm,
Educational Psychologist

“The professional development of teachers is huge with Wrap Around Kids™. It has given me skills to deal with people outside the teaching force.”

Trevor Acaon,
Assistant Principal,
Mullaway Primary

Wrap Around Kids™ Program provides teachers with:

- Professional development
- Access to information and practical strategies
- Multidisciplinary support as a key member of a collaborative team
- Wrap Around Kids™ Online for reporting, access to assessments, forums and additional services

The benefits include

- When 1 in 5 students requires extra teacher time, better management results in more time to teach and a reduction in teacher stress
- Improved understanding of different learning styles
- Direct benefits for individual students and indirect benefits for the entire class

Wrap Around Kids™ Program provides medical/health professionals with the opportunity to:

- Participate in an invigorating group dynamic
- Effect long term change in the lives of children and their families
- To advocate for children and their families

The benefits include

- Better understanding of local referral pathways and services
- An operational framework to support children, young people and their families at school
- Improved communication protocols through access to Wrap Around Kids™ Online



Jude Foster

“ Health and education are two fields that one would think would be established partners but in practice, despite many international studies identifying the benefits, this isn't the case. ”



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school communities

“ My dream is that Australia should demand a similar investment (to Canada and Britain) in their future – through investment in their children’s future. ”

Professor Fiona Stanley Australian of the Year 2003, BRW December 18th 2003

Wrap Around Kids™ Program provides school communities with:

- A proven program developed for Australia using national and international research
- Support during implementation and comprehensive training of 2 staff members as facilitators
- Access to Wrap Around Kids™ OnLine – the key to successful collaboration and reporting
- Opportunity to establish inter-school partnerships.

The benefits include

- A self-sustaining program
- Integration of information on a student means the key players better understand the student’s individual needs and strengths
- Long-term benefits for individual students, peers and teachers due to improved access to teacher time
- Provision of on-going professional development and support for staff
- Potential for additional funding identified through the Wrap Around Kids™ Program
- Advancing from crisis management to preventative management
- Improved transition across settings such as change of school, system, state or managing professionals.

“The academic results of a number of these students have improved, and not just improved marginally but improved greatly ...the conversation among staff about management practices has increased because of the Wrap Around Kids™ program ...it’s just a win-win situation all round.”

Ian Walton, Principal

“I think Wrap Around Kids™ is one of the best things that’s happened to our school and we’ve got a whole lot of happy, well adjusted, achieving children who are evidence of that.”

Jill Noonan,
Assistant Principal

“ Greater knowledge than ever before exists about child development, the causes of poor health, the pathways to resilience, mental health issues and behaviour problems. The knowledge is there to turn around the problems ... prevention is the only way. ”

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Divisions General Practice

“ Case conferencing within schools about these children has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional life.”

Dr John Kramer, GP

“Collaboration is the key to understanding and helping children in general and as individuals and their families.”

Dr Paul Hutchins,
Head of Child Development Unit,
The Children's Hospital at
Westmead.
Member of NHMRC ADHD
working party

Wrap Around Kids™ Program provides Divisions with:

- Regular GP involvement in schools
- Education on issues relating to school partnerships
- A framework to establish long-term partnerships with local schools
- Reduced administrative burden
- A means to profile GPs as health advocates

The benefits include

- Improved global outcomes for patients with chronic conditions
- Access to quarterly de-identified qualitative reports from the secure Wrap Around Kids™ On-Line web application
- Real-time assessment audits to complement your needs analysis
- Increased member participation for reduced dollar investment
- Shared commitment with the community

“Patient compliance has improved. It has certainly made the task of diagnosing children and managing them a lot easier than it would otherwise have been.”

Dr Anand Naidoo,
Paediatrician

“ It [Wrap Around Kids™ reporting] assists record keeping enormously and in an area as controversial as this [ADHD], having several observers giving you feedback gives you safety.”

Dr Anand Naidoo, Paediatrician



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benefits for today tomorrow

“ Child development contributes directly to human capital, educational competencies and social cohesion... countries that invest in early childhood problems... have better health, overall educational outcomes and less crime. ”

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Wrap Around Kids™ provides:

The training, software and years of experience that will challenge old systems and build greater understanding. With greater understanding come greater rewards. Already, we are seeing so-called “problem children” blossom as they discover self-esteem and talents beyond expectations to become valued members of the community. With continued support, we believe we can reduce the escalating community costs of delinquency, family breakdown, school expulsion, teachers’ stress leave, juvenile justice and other welfare costs and produce happier, healthier children capable of achieving true greatness.



“ The children who learn through their association with the Wrap Around Kids™ Program learn something far more important: the importance and strength of the community around them. ”

Jack Thompson AM

“While the Wrap Around Kids™ framework appears disarmingly simple, the complexity lies in the research, development and on-going refinements which has brought the program to its current standing. Now, by developing Wrap Around Kids™ Online we’ve taken it to the next level.”

Jude Foster

We have a growing file of success stories.



Dan’s...

Original “Jigsaw” art was painted by Dan. In Grade 4, Dan’s natural artistic talent was recognised in a Wrap Around Kids meeting and this was to be the turning point for this young man. While his siblings did well at school and sport, Dan soon proved how well he could do in art. His self-esteem soared. Today, he is a popular high school student and an excellent achiever with strong goals in place.

Cameron’s...

Cameron’s story includes a history of hyperactivity, disorganisation and behavioural problems at home and school. Yet his IQ fell into the superior range. After being diagnosed with ADHD, and trialling medication for one week, the difference was dramatic to say the least – and that was just the beginning. Later on that year, ‘the kid who couldn’t concentrate’ won a national creative writing competition.



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How we can all help bring the pieces of the puzzle together?



Alison Hita, Parent

“ Wrap Around Kids™ has changed my child's life.”

“ The Wrap Around Kids™ program gives a blueprint for how the three arenas (home, medical community and the school) can come together and that in itself has a lighthouse effect on schools.”

Professor Loretta Giorcelli, Private Education Consultant,
Visiting Professor Special Education, San Francisco State University

Wrap Around Kids™ was developed by Jude Foster, a health professional whose interest in the area stemmed from her struggle as a parent of children with ADHD.

“I had already seen the enormous benefit of involving a general practitioner in schools through my work with the Mid North Coast Division of General Practice ADHD project. However I was constantly being approached by parents and teachers around Australia wanting to initiate such a program at school.”

The Mid North Coast ADHD Project highlighted the absence of effective communication and referral pathways between families and professionals and also the need for a sustainable solution. Jude Foster established a company and with a dedicated team has developed the Wrap Around Kids™ Program for school implementation. A parent's dream has become a reality. Wrap Around Kids™ helps every child to achieve their full potential.

Here's how you can join us in bringing all the pieces of the puzzle together:

- Ask us about arranging an interactive workshop for staff, parents and health professionals.
- Contact us for more information:

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