

HOW DO I GET TO THE CLINIC?



DRIVING

Parking is available around the surrounding streets, however, it can be quite expensive at approximately \$5.00 per hour. We suggest you don't use the meter parking as they only allow you to park for 1-2 hours.

Parking is available at the Mint carpark, which is on the corner of William and Little Lonsdale Streets, and cost \$40.00 per day

Parking is also available at the Queen Victoria Market (182 Franklin street) which is \$35.00 per day. If the assessment falls on a Monday or Wednesday, parking on those days is \$18.00 per day or \$12 if you enter before 10am and exit after 2pm.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact us during business hours and we will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

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WHAT WE DO

The Children's Court Clinic is an independent, statewide service in Victoria which conducts psychological and psychiatric assessments of children and families for the Family and Criminal divisions of the Children's Court of Victoria. The reports provided by the Clinic are used to assist magistrates in making decisions regarding the care of children where concerns about their welfare have been raised.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

The Children's Court Clinic clinician will typically conduct a series of interviews with families over the course of one day in protection matters and a shorter period of time for criminal matters. Interviews might be undertaken with family members together and alone. Sometimes psychological assessments are also administered to aid the clinician's understanding of each family member's issues.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

Depending on the nature of the case and how many family members are involved, assessments can take up to a day to complete.

WHAT TO BRING?

Because assessments can typically take the whole day, it is best to set a whole day aside and bring food for lunch and snacks. There are cafes nearby if you prefer to purchase your lunch.

SAFETY

If you have concerns about your safety when attending the Children's Court Clinic, please contact the Clinic prior to your appointment so that these concerns can be discussed and a plan can be put in place.

IS INFORMATION THAT I DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL?

All information that is discussed in the Clinic assessment could be written up in a report that the clinician provides to the Court. It is up to the magistrate to decide whether the report is released to anyone in the case. The Clinician might also be required to give evidence in Court.

WHAT IF I DON'T ATTEND?

In cases where families/young people do not attend their scheduled appointment, the Clinic is required to report this to the Magistrate. This also means that the report might not be able to be completed by the date set for the next hearing.

Appointments can generally only be changed in exceptional circumstances.

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The Children's Court Clinic is located on the ground floor of the Melbourne Children's Court. The Clinic has a separate entrance to the Court located down the ramp just before you get to the Children's Court.



WALKING

The Clinic is about a 15-minute walk from Southern Cross Station.



TRAIN

Catch the city Loop train from Southern Cross station, platform 9. Get off at Flagstaff station and follow the signs to William street. Walk straight across William Street and the Clinic is located at 477 Little Lonsdale Street.



TRAM

The nearest trams run every 4 minutes down Bourke street (tram number 86 or 96). You can get off at the corner of William and Bourke street. The Clinic is a 5-minute walk from there.