Autism Assessments for Children and Adolescents (5-18 years)

A guide for families considering an ASD assessment with Stars Psychology

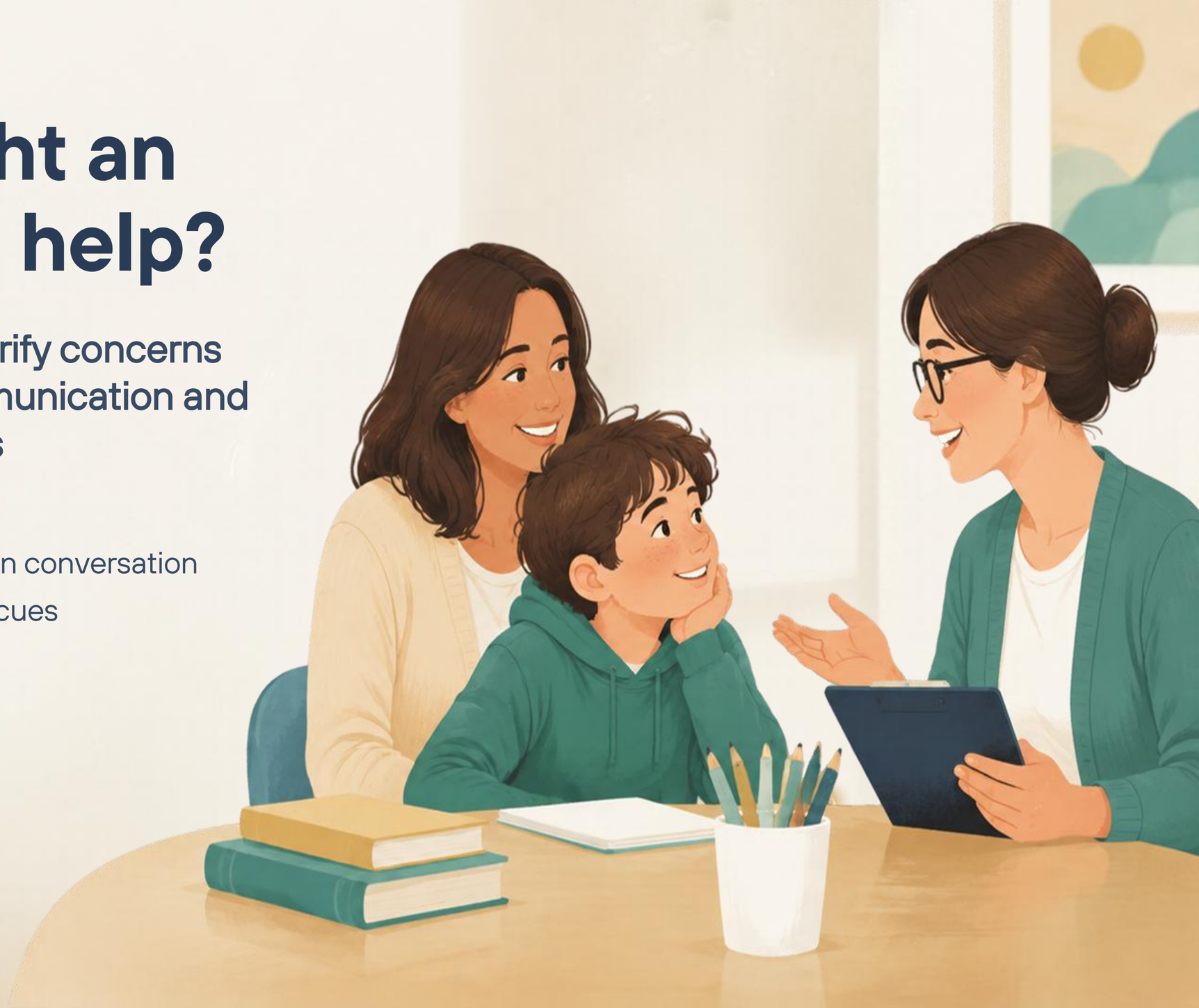


When might an assessment help?

An assessment may help clarify concerns about your child's social communication and interaction skills

Examples:

- Finds it difficult to initiate or maintain conversation
- Has difficulty understanding social cues
- Finds making friends challenging
- Struggles with group interactions
- Interprets language literally



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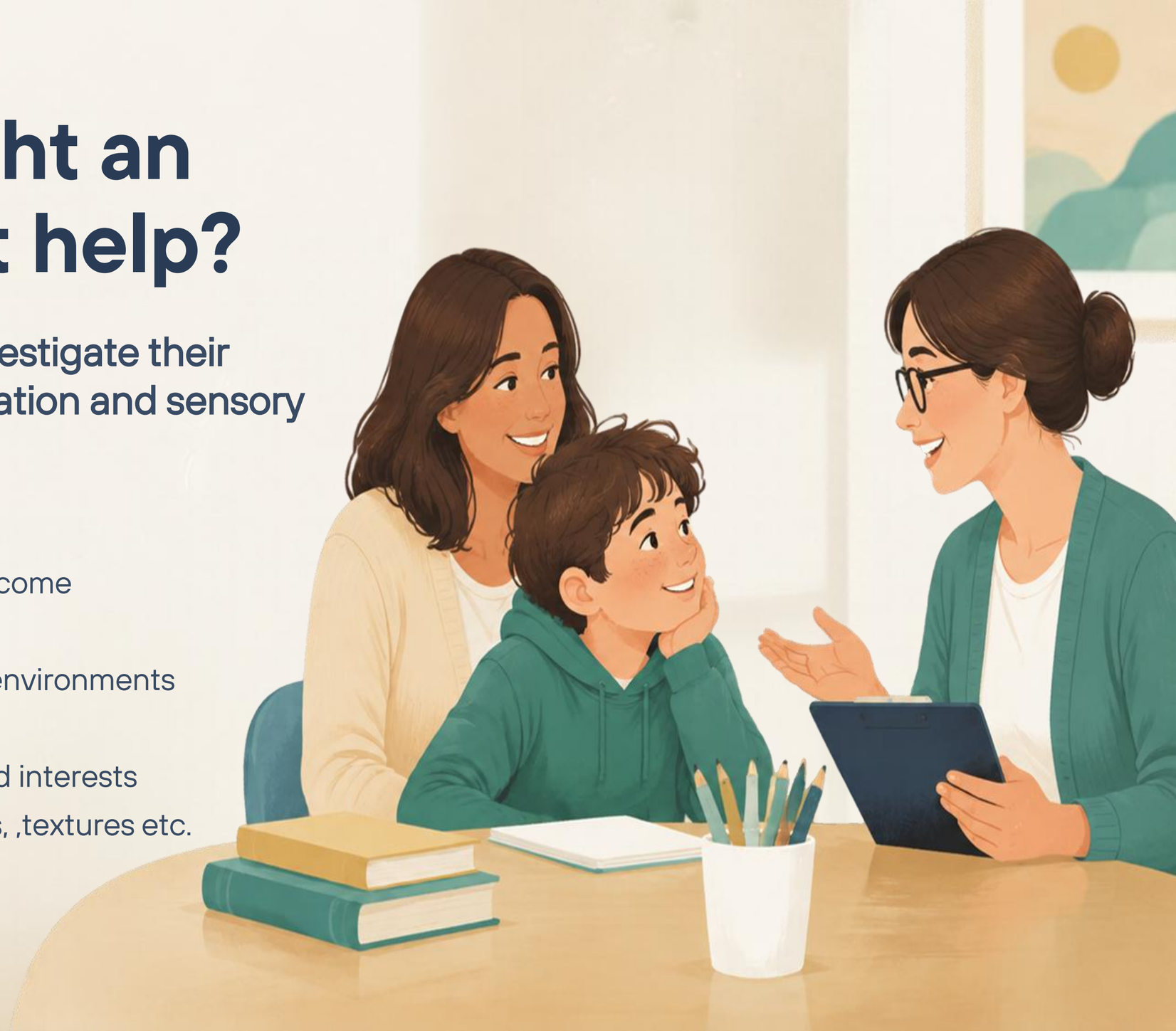
An assessment may also investigate their challenges with emotional regulation and sensory experiences

<u>Examples:</u>

- Strong preferences for routines and become distressed when plans change
- Finds transitions between activities or environments challenging
- Develops particularly intense or focused interests
- Experiences sensitivity to sounds, lights, ,textures etc.



What does the assessment involve?

1. A one-hour interview with a parent to gather background information about concerns raised at home and school

2. A two-and-a-half-hour session with your child. This includes a cognitive assessment and the autism assessment using either the ADOS / MIGDAS

3. Autism behavioural questionnaires completed by parents and teachers.







Fee and report

AUD 2,200

The fee includes all assessment sessions, behavioural questionnaires as well as the psycho-educational report with findings, any relevant diagnosis, and tailored recommendations for parents and school.



At a glance

Ages 5–18; about four hours total.

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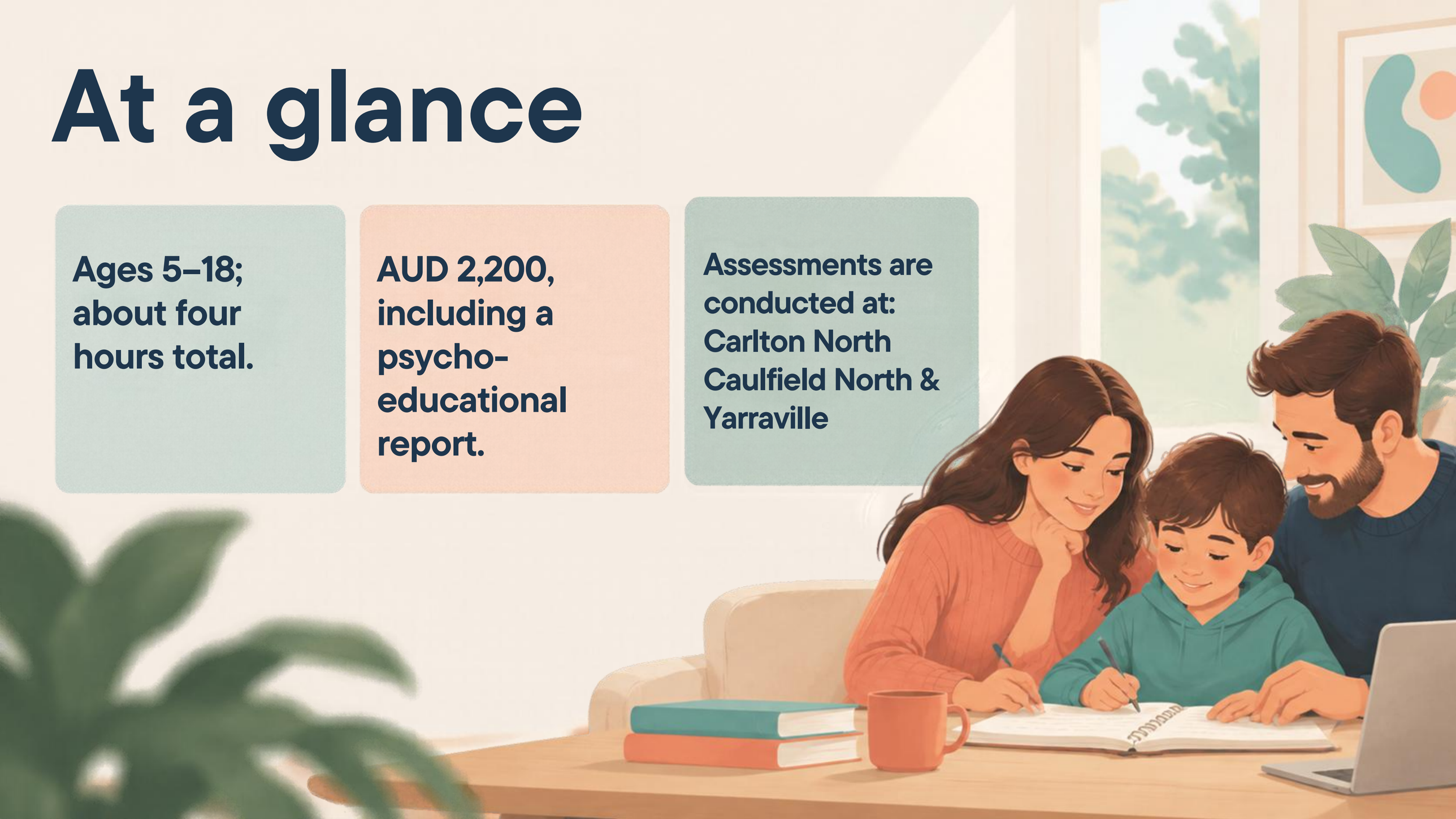
Assessments are conducted at: Carlton North Caulfield North & Yarraville



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