

Full Day VIRTUAL Workshop

School Refusal: By Hook or by Crook

Presenter: Dr Shannon Morton, Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist



Virtual: Thursday 5th May 2022

Virtual: Thursday 21st July 2022

School refusal is considered a psychiatric emergency by Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists. The longer it goes on, the lower the chances of a young person re-engaging with education, and the worse their prognosis is long-term, with all measures of well-being and productivity. Research demonstrates that only a third of those with prolonged school dis-engagement will return to complete their education. Furthermore, prolonged school refusal often leads to long-term unemployment and significant social and health consequences. Early and assertive intervention not only saves the tax-payer considerable amounts in avoiding welfare, criminal justice, and healthcare costs, but prevents significant human suffering, and may even save lives. You have the power to change the entire trajectory of a young person's life, if you can achieve "Mission Impossible", and help them return to school or training. Join Dr Shannon Morton (aka Dr Kooky), Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, in going bravely into often difficult terrain to help these young people from ending up in the "too



An Essential PD Workshop for all educators and wellbeing staff

Dr Shannon Morton



Dr Shannon Morton, is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist with a special interest in treating young people who naturally exist outside the usual boxes, and prefer to colour outside the lines. She is the Founder and Clinical Director of the "The Kooky Clinic", a multidisciplinary clinic with a difference in Brisbane, where humour, holistic, and expressive therapies are used to celebrate differences, reframe medical symptoms and sufferings, and challenge stigmatising stereotypes head on. She has spent many years working in a low socioeconomic area, with a large number of children with externalising disorders and has special interests in working with young people with Tourette Syndrome and associated challenges, the neurodiverse, those suffering from self harm, or those with unconventional tendencies that push institutional boundaries.

REGISTRATION FEES Virtual Workshop*

Early Bird: \$352 inc GST (15 days prior)

Standard: \$407 inc GST (within 15 days of w/shop)

* Please note that the virtual workshop is an online full day event. It will not be recorded

Target Audience: Teachers, Year Level Coordinators, Heads of School, School Counsellors, Psychologists, School Leaders and other Personnel working with students who engage in school refuse.

Full Details & Online Registration

<https://propsyach.com.au/workshops/school-refusal-hook-or-crook/>