

A) Intentional Individual Reflection – Three-Tier Role & Workload Self- Review

For school psychologists / school counsellors to reflect on role balance, sustainability, and professional impact.

Purpose of This Reflection

This tool is designed to help you: - Clarify how your time and expertise are currently used - Identify role drift and overload patterns - Reflect on alignment with best-practice MTSS models - Prepare for supervision, appraisal, or leadership conversations

Complete honestly for **your current context**, not the ideal.

Tier 1 – Universal / Whole-School Practice

What I Currently Do

(List concrete activities rather than intentions) -

What Feels Most Impactful at Tier 1

What Is Missing or Crowded Out

Time Reality Check

- Estimated % of my role: _____%
- Does this feel sufficient to be preventative? Yes No

Reflection Prompt

If Tier 1 work were protected and well-resourced, what would change for students and staff over time?

Tier 2 – Targeted / Early Intervention Practice

What I Currently Do

Typical Students / Groups I Support

What Works Well at Tier 2

Ongoing Challenges

(e.g. time-limited groups becoming de facto therapy) -

Time Reality Check

- Estimated % of my role: _____%
 - Is Tier 2 preventing escalation to Tier 3? Yes Sometimes No
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Tier 3 – Intensive / Individualised Practice

My Current Caseload Snapshot

- Number of active cases: _____
- Average complexity level (low / moderate / high): _____

What Tier 3 Work Requires From Me

Emotional load Cognitive load Risk management Extensive documentation

After-hours thinking / follow-up

Sustainability Check

- Is my Tier 3 workload sustainable? Yes No Unsure
 - Early warning signs of overload I notice in myself:
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Overall Role Balance Reflection

Current Reality

Tier	% of Role	Feels Right?
Tier 1	____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Tier 2	____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Tier 3	____%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Ideal (Best-Practice) Allocation

Tier	Ideal %
Tier 1	____%
Tier 2	____%
Tier 3	____%

Key Insight From This Reflection

The biggest mismatch between my role and best practice is:

One Boundary or Change I Need to Advocate For

This reflection is intended to support ethical, sustainable practice and informed professional judgement.

B) Leadership Negotiation – Three-Tier School Psychology / Counselling Service Profile

For use in discussions with school leadership to clarify role scope, workload ratios, and resourcing needs.

Purpose of This Document

This profile provides a **clear, evidence-informed snapshot** of how psychological services operate across three tiers and how role balance impacts: - Student wellbeing outcomes - Staff capacity and confidence - Risk management and duty of care - Sustainability of the service

School Context Snapshot

- School type (e.g. Primary / Secondary / K-12): _____
 - Student population: _____
 - Number of wellbeing staff (FTE): _____
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Tier 1 – Universal / Whole-School Impact

What Tier 1 Delivers to the School

Proactive wellbeing culture Reduced downstream mental health risk Increased staff capability Consistent systems and processes Improved student engagement and belonging

Examples of Tier 1 Work in This School

- Leadership consultation and strategic planning
- Staff professional learning
- Wellbeing framework and policy development
- School-wide data-informed initiatives
- Signature wellbeing or transition programs

Current Allocation

- Estimated % of service time: _____%

Risk If Under-Resourced

- Increased Tier 3 demand Reactive rather than preventative support Staff burnout and inconsistency Reduced whole-school impact
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Tier 2 – Targeted / Early Intervention Support

What Tier 2 Delivers to the School

- Early identification and support Reduced escalation to intensive intervention Targeted support for at-risk cohorts Efficient use of specialist expertise

Examples of Tier 2 Work in This School

- Small group interventions
- Data-driven identification (attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)
- Consultation with learning support and pastoral teams
- Short-term targeted interventions

Current Allocation

- Estimated % of service time: _____%

Risk If Under-Resourced

- Increased crisis presentations Growing Tier 3 waitlists Missed early intervention opportunities
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Tier 3 – Intensive / Individualised Support

What Tier 3 Delivers to the School

- Duty-of-care compliance Risk assessment and management Support for complex student needs Family and external agency coordination

Examples of Tier 3 Work in This School

- Individual counselling and therapy

- Psychological assessment and reporting
- Complex case management
- Crisis response

Current Caseload Snapshot

- Active cases per practitioner: _____
- Average complexity: Moderate High Very High

Risk If Over-Relied Upon

Practitioner burnout Reduced quality of care Loss of preventative capacity Service unsustainability

Current vs Recommended Role Balance

Tier	Current %	Recommended Range
Tier 1	____%	30–40%
Tier 2	____%	30–40%
Tier 3	____%	20–30%

(Ranges may vary depending on school context and complexity.)

Key Message for Leadership

When Tier 1 and Tier 2 work is protected and resourced, Tier 3 demand becomes more manageable, risk is reduced, and student wellbeing outcomes improve over time.

Resourcing and Structural Considerations

FTE allocation Role clarity and scope Referral thresholds Data systems and admin support Protected time for prevention and consultation Supervision and governance

Agreed Next Steps.....

