

Treatment of Minors Policy



This policy has been created in accordance with Queensland law and the Massage and Myotherapy Association of Australia's guidelines.

In Queensland, anyone under the age of 18 is considered a minor.

According to Queensland law all therapists at Excelsior Sports Therapy will hold a current and valid Working with Children Check (Blue Card).

It is the preference of Excelsior Sports Therapy that any client under the age of 18 is accompanied by a parent/guardian and that the parent/guardian remains in the treatment room for the entirety of the treatment.

In all cases a parent/guardian must give written permission for a client under the age of 18 to be treated without the presence of a parent/guardian in the treatment room.

In certain situations where a minor is capable of providing informed consent, the minor may be able to sign their own consent form and give consent to treatment. For informed consent to treatment to be present, the therapist must ensure that the person who gives consent is provided with disclosure of the risks, benefits and side effects of treatment; that the person who gives consent is legally, intellectually and emotionally capable of giving consent; and that the person giving consent is able to freely exercise their decision making without being forced to do so by another person.

All clients who are minors will be given the same respect and treatment as any other client is regards to privacy of information and informed consent. A parent/guardian will be entitled to access personal information of a minor. This entitlement may be varied in the case of sensitive information, or when the minor is capable of providing informed consent.