

ASSESSMENT NOTES

Session Date: 5/9/25, 4:30pm, Telehealth

HOME AND ENVIRONMENT DOMAIN

Lives with mother, stepfather, younger brother age 13. Reports "always having arguments" regarding school, clothes, going out, boyfriend. Stepfather "controls everything" with mother deferring decisions to him. Biological father has alcohol and drug history, currently in rehabilitation with no contact. Parents divorced when Michelle was 8-9 years old, witnessed significant parental fights. Vietnamese family described as "conservative" with clash against Australian culture. Michelle feels unable to be herself, states she is "letting everyone down." Reports no safe space at home, prefers being outside home.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT DOMAIN

Attends Kingswood Park High School with significant academic struggles. Cannot understand material, experiences teachers as "not helpful." Bullied by "popular girls" through verbal harassment and ostracizing. Maintains small friend group but anxious about friendship stability. Works part-time as cook at fast food restaurant for 2 years. Reports being "really good at it" with praise from boss. Met boyfriend Adrian at work. Enjoys work and feels competent there.

ACTIVITIES AND PEER RELATIONS

Spends time at friends' houses where she experiences "freedom" with supportive parents. Enjoys chess, Monopoly, and basketball with friends. Previously enjoyed reading but now feels "too much reading already." Friends help cover for her by saying "group study" to parents. Avoids most peers due to bullying. Reports being boycotted by classmates after conflicts.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS DOMAIN

Started alcohol use at age 14 initially due to peer pressure. Currently consuming 2 beers daily after school. Reports "anxiety vanished" when drinking and helps her "say what I want." Hides use from parents using mints and careful timing. Experiences hangovers affecting morning classes. Father's substance use history noted as risk factor.

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY

Boyfriend Adrian age 16, met at work. On and off relationship, currently "on break" initiated by him stating he doesn't "have time." Relationship hidden from parents. No sexual activity reported, states "not before marriage" aligning with family values. Worried relationship might end permanently.

MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING

Anxiety: "worried all the time" about school, appearance, peers. Sleep: 2-3am bedtime, 7am wake resulting in 3-5 hours sleep. Stays up on phone, ruminating about fights. Worse after parent arguments when sleeps only 3 hours. Eating: Controls diet, doesn't want to "get fat." Already bullied for acne, has weight concerns. Denied suicidal ideation, self-harm, or homicidal ideation. Denied current depression but low mood evident in presentation.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Protective factors identified: Work success, friend support, future-oriented thinking. Risk factors identified: Daily alcohol use, family conflict, social isolation, academic failure, paternal substance use history. Current risk assessed as low to moderate. Denied current suicidal ideation or self-harm behaviors.