The York Assessment of Reading for Comprehension – Australian Edition (YARC) enables teachers and specialists to assess the reading comprehension skills of children 5 to 18 years.

This 3-hour workshop will introduce the three YARC assessments (Early Reading, Passage Comprehension and Passage Comprehension Secondary) and explains how they can be used to provide useful data for students, parents, schools and teachers to assist students make better progress in learning.

The contents of the workshop are as follows:

**What is reading?** Five Pillars of Reading and Simple View of Reading

**Why do some students struggle to learn to read?** Dyslexia and other reading difficulties

**YARC: overview; administration; scoring; reporting**

Early Reading: letter sound knowledge; sound deletion; sound isolation; early word recognition

Passage Comprehension: word recognition; oral reading accuracy; oral comprehension; oral reading rate

Passage Comprehension – Secondary: word recognition; silent reading comprehension; silent reading rate and oral reading fluency; testing weaker readers

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**WHEN:** 10am to 1pm, Friday 7 December 2018.

**Registration from 9.30am.**

**WHERE:** SPELD NSW, Level 1, 52 O’Connell Street, Parramatta

**REGISTRATION:** online at <https://www.speldnsw.org.au/>

**COST:**

- **Members** $70
- **Non-Member** $100
- **SPELD Tutor and Students** $50

Completing these events will contribute to 2.5 hours of NESA Registered PD addressing 2.1.2, 3.6.2 for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

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