



SPELDNSW

Supporting children and adults with specific learning difficulties



Welcome back to Term 1 to all teachers, tutors, allied health professionals, and parents. We are looking forward to being able to support you with information, advice, learning, and resources this term!

This term we have lots of great professional learning including new workshops on [Little Learners Love Literacy](#) and [UFLI Foundations](#). We are pleased to be able to offer [professional learning](#) for K-2 teachers, 3-6 teachers, interventionists, and learning support teachers. Please [get in touch](#) with us if you would like some guidance about what learning opportunity is best for you!

If you are looking for new books and resources for your classroom or clinic, join us at a free [decodable book demonstration](#) or [get in touch](#) and we can lend you a sample pack of resources to review.

Did you know that SPELD NSW has a free [InfoLine](#) service for parents and families who are supporting students with literacy and numeracy difficulties? Parents and carers are welcome to call us as often as they would like to discuss resources to support learning, [assessments](#) of learning difficulties, and [referrals](#) to tutors and allied health professionals.

SPELD NSW was saddened in January to learn of the passing of our valued Life Member Dr Donald Gillies. We send our [condolences to Don's family and friends](#).

Please get in touch if SPELD NSW can provide your school, clinic or family with support.

Best wishes

George Perry

SPELD NSW Executive Officer

PS We hope you enjoy reading our new blog, The Spotlight, which we have included below!

The Spotlight

reflections from SPELD NSW



In this blog you will find ideas, knowledge and practical tips for teachers, tutors, parents and anyone interested in literacy and numeracy.

Kickstart your year in Kindy Literacy!

Great tips for setting up the year right for evidence-based literacy instruction in Kindergarten! Routines – phonics – handwriting and more!

Read more



SPELD NSW

Members' Corner

Teaching Resources



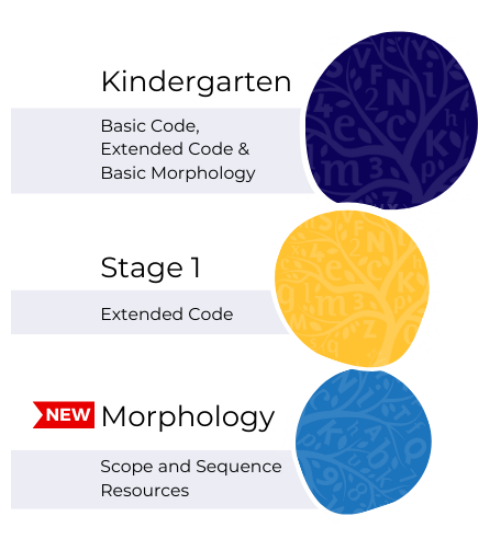
SPELD NSW members provide vital support to the work of SPELD NSW for children and adults with specific learning difficulties. SPELD NSW members are able to access discounted professional learning and bookstore resources and access free resources and webinars in our Members' Resources Hub.

JOIN SPELD NSW today!

Resources Hub - **New** Morphology Resources Available!

We know that many teachers and interventionists are working to get their heads around morphology instruction! We are delighted to let you know that the Resource Hub now contains lots of morphology resources that can be used from kindergarten to year four!

If you are looking for some professional learning on teaching morphology, we recommend our [Mastering Morphology](#) course.



ACCESS the SPELD NSW Members' Resources Hub

Free Member Webinars

Our members are welcome to attend special free webinars each term to keep enhancing their professional knowledge, learn about new strategies to try in the classroom, and identify new resources that might be useful in practice. Past webinar recordings are available in our Members' Hub!

Join us for - **How to use SPELD NSW phonics resources to support explicit instruction in a structured literacy block K-2** - 3.30pm on 12 February 2024

[Access SPELD NSW Free Member Webinars](#)



Decodable Classroom Packs

Back to school!! Get set for a great year of reading with Classroom Decodable Book Packs from SPELD NSW.

Decodable Book Classroom Packs are available for the basic code and extended code from a huge range of engaging and high-quality decodable book series!

SPELD NSW Members receive a 5% discount at the SPELD NSW Bookshop.



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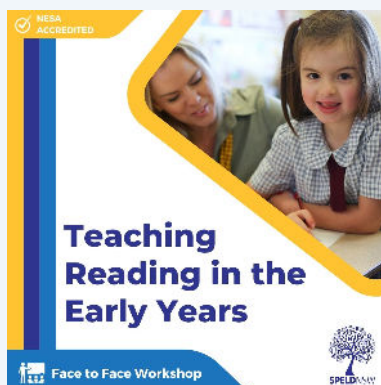


SPELD NSW offers professional learning and consulting services for schools, teachers, and professionals working with students with specific learning difficulties or interested in evidence-based literacy and numeracy instruction.

We offer professional learning online, in our offices in Parramatta, across Sydney, and regional locations including Newcastle, Wagga Wagga, Port Macquarie and Dubbo and on-site at NSW schools.

SPELD NSW Professional Learning

Upcoming Courses



What is on this term!

Whether you are looking for training in a program or deeper knowledge on how to improve your practice in literacy instruction, SPELD NSW professional learning has you covered.

We are introducing [UFLI Foundations](#) and [Little Learners Love Literacy](#) training to our course schedule. Come join the amazing Carina McSweeney for training in these quality phonics programs.

In addition to our very well-regarded K-2 courses, such as [Teaching Reading in the Early Years](#), we have exactly what 3-6 teachers need to become confident teaching to the new English syllabus this year. [The Fluency Puzzle](#) and our incredible [spelling](#) and [morphology](#) courses are designed for stage 2 and 3 teachers passionate about improving student outcomes!

Veronica Alexander
Lead, Professional Learning and Development

Courses available this term:

- Starting 5 January - [SPELD NSW's Teacher Certificate Course](#) - online
- 13 February - [SPELD NSW Members Webinar - How to use SPELD NSW phonic resources to support explicit instruction](#) - online
- 20 February - [The Fluency Puzzle](#): the next steps in reading from Stage 1 to upper primary - Parramatta
- 21 February - [Understanding and Responding to Reading Difficulties, including Dyslexia](#) - online
- 22 February - [Free Decodable Reader Demonstration](#) - online
- 23 February - [What the English K-2 Syllabus Looks Like in the Classroom](#) - Newcastle
- Starting 27 February - [Teaching Little Learners Love Literacy® Professional Learning Workshop](#) - Parramatta
- 6 March - [Help Me Read! Strategies for Struggling Readers](#) - Port Macquarie
- 7 March - [Evidence-Based Reading in Action](#) - Parramatta
- 7 March - [Mastering Morphology: Understanding How English Words Work](#) - Port Macquarie
- Starting 12 March - [Teaching Reading in the Early Years](#) - Parramatta
- 13 March - [Mastering Morphology: Understanding How English Words Work](#) - Parramatta
- 14 March - Free [Decodable Reader Demonstration](#) - Online
- 15 March - [UFLI Foundations Workshop](#) - Parramatta
- 20 March - [Help Me Read! Strategies for Struggling Readers](#) - Parramatta
- 27 March - [The Fluency Puzzle](#): the next steps in reading from stage 1 to upper primary - Newcastle

- 28 March - [What the English K-2 Syllabus Looks Like in the Classroom: Understanding Key Concepts and Outcomes](#) – Parramatta
- Starting 3 April - [Making Spelling Stick: Explicit Planning and Instruction](#) – Parramatta
- Starting 16 April - [Sounds-Write Face-to-Face Workshop](#) (school holidays workshop) – Parramatta



Parent & Family Support

Parents & family members of students with literacy and numeracy difficulties are welcome to contact our Free [InfoLine](#) service to speak with one of our experienced Information and Referral Officers to get support, advice, and information.

SPELD NSW offers educational assessments and assessments of specific learning disorders in our [Clinic](#). We currently have vacancies in Term 1 for assessments.

We run regular Parent and Family [Webinars](#) on learning difficulties (these are free for SPELD NSW Members). These webinars are a great place to start if you want to understand more about literacy and numeracy learning difficulties.

Please do get in touch if we can provide you or your family with support, advice, or information!



Parent & Family Support

New in the bookstore - Fox Kid books and workbooks - Great for use at home!

We are very excited to have the whole Fox Kid book and Workbook series from Little Learners Love Literacy in the bookshop.

These highly engaging decodable chapter books and associated workbooks are great for students in years 2 to 4 who have found learning to read difficult and need extra practice to develop their reading skills. They are a great resource for at-home practice!



Fox Kid Series



Back to school - Reading Strategies bookmarks!

Download and share these SPELD NSW Reading Strategies Bookmarks for use at home or school! (They are a great addition to home reading packs!)

These bookmarks provide strategies for word reading, blending, and word attack for educators and parents who are supporting beginning and more advanced readers.

Free Downloadable Bookmarks



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Have a question? Contact us - we're here to help.

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