

Free Parent Workshop

How to Support your child with learning difficulties at home and school with Karen Starkiss



It is estimated that up to 10% of the Australian population is dyslexic. A dyslexic child, who finds it difficult to read and write, can also suffer anguish and lack of confidence with some aspects of the school curriculum and/or when they compare themselves to their friends. Dyslexia is a learning disability; however there is so much that can be done with appropriate support and resources to help children who are dyslexic, both at home and at school.

When: Tuesday 13th May 2014

Where: Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning 51 Fremantle Drive Stirling

Time: 4.00 -6.00pm

Room: Multipurpose Room

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The course content includes:

- What is dyslexia and what causes it?
- How to recognise the signs and symptoms of dyslexia in children
- A dyslexic child's strengths and talents
- What does it feel like to be dyslexic? –practical sessions to help parents understand their child's difficulties
- Common questions asked by parents
- How can you support your child at home and school?
- Where to get advice and help
- Useful websites and resources for children and their parents

About the Presenter

Karen has 30 years teaching experience. In England she was Principal of one of the top performing primary schools in England despite the fact that the school had the largest number of students with significant Learning Difficulties in the region. She also lectured nationally about integrating children with dyslexia into mainstream classrooms and provided training for schools. Since she has been in Australia Karen has continued to assess and advise a number of adults and children with dyslexia and has run courses throughout Victoria for teachers about how to create a Dyslexia- Friendly school. She has also appeared in articles in The Age newspaper concerning her work with children and adults. In addition to her professional expertise and involvement, two of Karen's children are dyslexic and therefore, she has very personal experience of the problems that parents face, the frustrations and successes.