



Meeting the Needs of Children with Dyslexia- Creating a Dyslexia Friendly Classroom- Twilight Course

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Approximately 2-3 children in every class in Australia are dyslexic, it is also highly probable that a dyslexic child will have at least two other disabilities such as autism, ADHD, dyspraxia, processing impairment etc. Many of these children have a mild level of difficulty and with simple changes they can be managed in the mainstream classroom. For those that experience problems at a more severe level, it is critical that the classroom and methodologies are designed to meet their needs.

By implementing these changes you will raise the potential of all pupils, a dyslexic pupil cannot cope without them
Course outline: This course is similar to the whole day course except that it will not include the session involving writing individual learning programmes. It will focus instead on changes that can be made in classroom management, planning and resourcing.

- ❖ How to recognise that a child is dyslexic
- ❖ How to gather evidence and informally assess individual pupils in the classroom
- ❖ Identifying individual learning styles and creating a multi-sensory environment
- ❖ To develop a range of strategies to support dyslexic children in class
- ❖ Specific support for reading, writing and maths
- ❖ Using ICT to support pupils and ideas for class work
- ❖ Lots of ideas and practical activities to support learners
- ❖ Good websites with free resources to support the teacher and the pupils

TESTIMONIALS FOR THIS COURSE:

Brilliant course: I came away feeling much more capable of helping kids who are struggling and identifying what they need help with. K.M Southern region

Fantastic, well run, knowledgeable speaker. Left with much information to sift through and try out. JH Southern Region

Interesting, eye opening, informative and very practical; we can really put into practice what we have learned. S.O. Southern Region

About the Presenter

Karen has over 20 year's primary classroom teaching experience. In England she was principal of one of the top performing primary schools and employed to work in "failing" schools to improve standards of teaching and learning. An earlier management role was Special Needs Consultant, she also lectured nationally about integrating children with dyslexia into mainstream classrooms. Since she has been in Australia Karen is a consultant in her own business – Dyslexia Support Services; she has continued to assess and advise a number of adults and children with dyslexia and has run courses throughout Melbourne for teacher and classroom assistants.

Session Details

Contact: Karen at Dyslexia Assessment and Support Service to discuss dates and individual school requirements.

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Cost \$400 FOR 2 ½ HOURS Twilight

Price Includes: Presentation, hand-outs, numerous helpful websites, lots of information about free resources.