## Karen Starkiss-Dyslexia Assessment and Support Services



## **TESTIMONIES:**

I'm happy to tell you that T accepted a first-round offer for a bachelor of science degree at Deakin University. Once, again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your help and particularly the strategies you gave us in the early days. —JB

You made a huge difference to both my daughters & to our family. Our mental health has improved after seeing you and, for that, I will be forever grateful- AC

'I've just finished my 3rd year of Medicine. Studying Medicine with dyslexia isn't ideal, I mean it's really hard and frustrating sometimes. However, I wouldn't change it for the world. Seeing you was the one of the best things I ever could do to understand and help myself —MM

## ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS IN LITERACY- KAREN STARKISS (Dyslexia Assessment and Support Services)

My passion is to support schools and parents to enable children to achieve their personal potential. With over 30 years' specialist experience in specific learning difficulties, I am expertly placed to offer academic assessments to identify learning difficulties in literacy. I am a teacher and ex school principal; I have an extensive educational background that few psychologist can offer, and therefore I am well placed to know what to recommend to schools as well as to parents.

Many students, even the very young, have low self-esteem and lack confidence in themselves and their ability. They tell their parents that they are dumb/stupid. I recall asking Alex, aged 13 years, what she wanted to gain from the assessment, expecting her to want to improve her reading or spelling ability but she responded, "I just don't want my friends to think that I'm stupid anymore." An assessment can help students like Alex reclaim their sense of worth and potential.

I am now offering cost effective assessments in academic achievement to identify learning difficulties in reading, spelling and writing. These assessments will include:

- ➤ Phonological Awareness
- ➤ Phonological Memory
- ➤ Rapid Automatic Naming
- ➤ Reading Age
- ➤ Reading Accuracy
- ➤ Reading Rate
- ➤ Sight Word Efficiency
- ➤ Decoding Efficiency
- Word and Sentence Fluency
- ➤ Letter sound knowledge
- ➤ Reading and Listening Comprehension
- **>**Spelling
- ➤ Alphabet- saying, writing, sequencing.
- > Handwriting speed
- ➤Informal assessment of free writing.

A detailed report with recommendations for intervention and home support will be provided.

Cost \$450

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Don't let learning difficulties hold your child back. Contact Karen Starkiss to schedule an assessment today.

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