



Demystifying Dyslexia:

What it is and Strategies
To Help Your Child

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Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Quality Hotel Parklake Shepparton

Venue: 481 Wyndham Street, Shepparton, VIC, Australia

Presenter: Ashraf Samsudin, BSc, MEd

SPELD Vic Member: \$25.00 **Non-member:** \$40.00

Registration and Tickets:

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This workshop aims to give participants a broad overview of dyslexia, a Specific Learning Difficulty and provide a useful foundation for parents to understand more about the nature of dyslexia, its signs, and symptoms and how learners can be helped and supported at home.

Key Topics

- * Dyslexia and its prevalence to co-occur with other learning difficulties
- * Signs and symptoms of dyslexia
- * Supporting learners with dyslexia at home

Specific Learning Difficulties are characterised by a child showing persistent and unexpected learning problems despite their general intelligence, development in other areas, positive learning attitudes and support received through good teaching.

There are a number of specific learning disabilities (sometimes referred to as specific learning disorders) that have the potential to impact on a student's performance at school.

* **Dyslexia** – A specific learning disability in reading.

* **Dysgraphia** – A specific learning disability in written expression.

* **Dyscalculia** – A specific learning disability in mathematics.

Dyslexia

Dyslexia is the most common form of learning disability, accounting for 80% of all children identified.

Problems with reading and related difficulties in comprehension, spelling, and writing are common for these children.

Many people with dyslexia also experience difficulties with working memory, attention and organisational skills.

Presenter: Ashraf Samsudin, BSc, MEd

Ashraf is the Specialist Education Consultant at SPELD Victoria where he provides, coordinates and develops the organisation's Educational Services.

Ashraf holds a Master's Degree in Education and Educational Leadership from Monash University; and a Double Diploma Dyslexia and Teaching & Training from the University of Cambridge, UK.

Based in Melbourne, Ashraf presents a wide variety of workshops where his presentation style has been described as clear, engaging and fun. He enjoys facilitating sessions where knowledge, experiences and good practice can be shared amongst those that he trains.

Previously, Ashraf spent the last 14 years teaching and coaching students with learning difficulties in Singapore at the Dyslexia Association of Singapore. His last role as the Director of Specialised Education Services has seen him taking the lead in various curriculum development projects; teacher training initiatives; presenting in numerous local and international workshops; and collaborating with educators to implement initiatives in schools to promote inclusivity for students with learning difficulties.

He is a strong advocate for the disadvantaged and has been very active in spreading the awareness of learning difficulties around the world.

When Ashraf isn't presenting, he is listening to classical music, enjoying chocolate and chai lattes, and exploring his new home in Melbourne with his family.



SPELD VICTORIA

SPELD Victoria is the peak body for Specific Learning Difficulties (SLD) in Victoria. Now in our 50th Anniversary Year, we work to serve the estimated 10% of Victorians with Specific Learning Difficulties (like Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Dysgraphia).

Our vision is that Victoria is a place where SLD like Dyslexia are widely understood and are no longer a barrier to individuals achieving their full learning potential.

We work with our members, government, schools and the community to make this vision a reality for all Victorians with SLDs.