



Whether you are a teacher, teacher aide, SENCO, RTLB or Learning Support Coordinator, SPELD NZ is here to help. We look forward to supporting you and your students in the years ahead.

About us

SPELD NZ is a not-for-profit, registered charity that specialises in supporting people with dyslexia and other specific learning disabilities (SLD). For nearly 50 years, we have assisted many thousands of children and adults nationwide.

What we can offer to support you

Full diagnostic Woodcock-Johnson assessments - cognitive & educational achievement
[Our assessments](#) have key recommendations for what families and schools can be doing to support a child struggling with dyslexia/SLD.

Individualised one-on-one tuition

[Individualised lessons](#) with qualified classroom teachers, trained by SPELD NZ.

Our methods are based on international best practice and [endorsed by research](#) analysed by the University of Auckland.

Financial assistance

We offer [financial assistance](#) for low income families who struggle to afford assessment and tuition.

Training

SPELD NZ offers [training and professional development](#) for teachers, special educational needs coordinators (SENCO), Learning Support Coordinators, teacher aides, families and caregivers. Until 2023, SPELD NZ was registered with NZQA. From 2018 to retirement in 2023, we were a Category 1 provider with Excellence in all key evaluation areas. Read our most recent NZQA External Evaluation and Review Report [here](#)

Professional development

SPELD NZ also hosts:

- [Regular conferences](#) where educators can learn international experts on dyslexia/SLD
- [Local professional development workshops](#) on SLD related topics
- [Assessor training](#) for those with appropriate psychology papers

Support, advice and advocacy

We offer [support, advice and advocacy services](#) for children, families and professionals working with them.

Our website

Our [website](#) is a wonderful source of information and encouragement for those teaching and parenting children with dyslexia/SLD. For example:

- Our [Services for Educators](#) page. This includes links to strategies and tools to create a dyslexia-friendly classroom and Ministry of Education resources for educators.
- Our [Services for Children](#) page has a wealth of material for families.
- A detailed checklist of [Key SLD Indicators](#)
- Detailed [Definitions of SLDs](#)
- The [Dyslexia](#) and [Dyscalculia](#) pages also contain links to helpful **apps** for your students.
- [Encouraging stories](#) of children with dyslexia/SLD who got the right help and transformed their lives.

Information Packs

You can find out more about our services and costs in our [Information Pack](#) on every page of our website.

Specialist programmes and resources from our library

You are welcome to [join SPELD NZ](#) as a “Friend” for just \$40 per annum - tax deductible as we are a charity. Members can borrow for free from our libraries – we have a huge collection SLD related professional reading. (SPELD NZ membership entitles you to special member rates to attend our conferences, courses and professional development.)

Our family members can also borrow books, games, puzzles and specialist programmes that can help boost literacy and numeracy skills.

The Record magazine

All members receive our [Record magazine](#) several times a year with stories of interest for professionals and families. It also showcases the writing and artwork of SPELD NZ students.

Facebook

[SPELD NZ's Facebook](#) is packed with encouragement, tips and advice to help professionals and families understand and support children with specific learning disabilities.

YouTube

[SPELD NZ's YouTube channel](#) is also a good place to learn more about our training, assessments, tuition and financial assistance programme.

Contact us

Please feel free to get in touch with us to find out other ways we can help you:

- **0800 773 536** (Ext 3 or 5)
- Email nationaloffice@speld.org.nz
- [Contact Page](#) of our website