



## School Seminars

### Would your school benefit from a seminar about literacy and learning disability?

Dr Jason McGowan is available to run professional development seminars tailored to the individual needs of your school. Dr McGowan is a specialist teacher with undergraduate, post graduate and doctoral qualifications in education and literacy and learning disability. In 1998, after several years of teaching and post graduate study he commenced the Special Educational Consultancy known as Literacy Care. The services of Literacy Care have been provided as part of the Child Development Network since 2003.

Seminar topics include:

- dyslexia, dysgraphia and working memory difficulties — an educational and medical perspective
- trajectory of learning
- mental health and adjusted expectations
- social emotional development and support — how can teachers get their students to understand themselves as learners and figure out what works best for them
- impact of coexisting conditions — specifically anxiety and ADD/ADHD
- explicit intervention versus ‘prefabricated programs’
- special considerations — do’s and don’ts for the classroom teacher
- alternative curriculum and modified curriculum
- explanation of phonology and orthography when making a diagnosis
- assistive technology — how it helps and when it doesn’t
- controversial therapies — vision therapy, exercise-based therapies, special diets
- producing text — verbal production to develop fluency and written communicative text (fictional narratives and persuasive text)
- how to teach high frequency words explicitly, including the role of the four-step process of repeated reading using schemed readers.

**Time:** Allow up to two hours

**Cost:** \$750 (part of the proceeds are donated to the Literacy Foundation for Children)

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## Dr Jason McGowan

**Associate Diploma of Applied Science  
Diploma of Education  
Graduate Diploma of Health  
Doctor of Education**



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Literacy Care is a Clinical Educational Consultancy. This means that its service emphasises personal and customised care as opposed to 'selling a product' or 'administering a program'. As a clinical educator, Dr McGowan believes in and practises evidence based approaches to understanding and managing disorders of literacy. The Literacy Care service is complemented and enhanced through the cooperative multidisciplinary environment provided by the Child Development Network.

His particular interest is in scientific evidence-based literacy interventions which research shows can not only up-skill a child but can impact on the neurodevelopmental cause of the problem. Children who struggle with learning literacy skills can be effectively managed to the point where they not only survive but thrive educationally and reach their full potential.

For more information about Literacy Care visit [www.literacycare.com.au](http://www.literacycare.com.au)

