

**Please Note**

The Ministry of Education's position on the identification of dyslexia:

"Teachers are not responsible for the formal identification of dyslexia. The Ministry of Education does not fund a formal diagnosis of dyslexia, and there is no expectation for parents to fund this. Support for learners is not dependent on a formal diagnosis."

# Whānau Resources

THERE ARE SOME GREAT ONLINE DYSLEXIA RESOURCES TO EXPLORE:

Dyslexia Evidence-Based website/Facebook group [www.deb.co.nz](http://www.deb.co.nz)

Dyslexia breaking down the barriers -online free brochure/PDF [www.dyslexiafoundation.org.nz/pdf/DFNZ\\_Brochure\\_2014\\_web.pdf](http://www.dyslexiafoundation.org.nz/pdf/DFNZ_Brochure_2014_web.pdf)

How to support a child with dyslexia [parents.education.govt.nz > learning-at-school](http://parents.education.govt.nz/learning-at-school)

Dyslexia support South [www.dyslexiasupportsouth.org.nz/parent-toolkit/](http://www.dyslexiasupportsouth.org.nz/parent-toolkit/)

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu [ngaitahu.iwi.nz/whanau/opportunities/tahua-taunaki-akonga-learner-support-fund/](http://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/whanau/opportunities/tahua-taunaki-akonga-learner-support-fund/)



innovator  
open-minded  
resilient  
leader  
social  
Dyslexic  
determined  
inspirational  
compassionate  
intelligent  
loving  
strong  
energetic  
creative  
brave  
thinker  
inventive



## Kids Spot

There are some amazing dyslexia resources available to explore with your child...

7 Children's books about dyslexia [www.readbrightly.com/childrens-books-about-dyslexia/](http://www.readbrightly.com/childrens-books-about-dyslexia/)

Xtra Ordinary People Made By Dyslexia [www.madebydyslexia.org/inspire/](http://www.madebydyslexia.org/inspire/)  
Interview with people with dyslexia including Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley and Princess Beatrice.

**References:**  
Ministry of Education (2021). [parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-at-school/how-to-support-a-child-with-dyslexia/](http://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-at-school/how-to-support-a-child-with-dyslexia/)

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### Tutoring:

There are tutoring options available within our region. These include (but not exclusively) providers such as:

- Kip McGrath - Free assessment/ Lessons \$65 per session
- NumberWorks'nWords -Free evaluation/ Lessons \$60 per hr
- SPELD NZ -Yearly membership cost \$50/ Lessons range \$30-\$90 per hr

## Dyslexia Pathways Southern Region

Where can I go for further support with Dyslexia?



QR Audio Pamphlet Reader

**Dyslexia is a term used to describe a range of persistent difficulties with reading and writing, and often including spelling, numeracy or musical notation (Ministry of Education, 2021).**

## Where to next...

Sometimes having a name for the learning difficulties they have experienced is empowering for the person and their whānau.

### It is important to keep in mind:

- Teachers can make accommodations in the classroom without a diagnosis.
- Supports for classroom work can be implemented at the Primary and Intermediate levels using dyslexia-friendly strategies.
- Regarding secondary school assessments and NCEA, most schools will accept 'school-based evidence' for special assessment conditions such as reader/writer/computer use in senior exams. This means you may not need a formal assessment to access support. It is best to check with your intended high school what their policies are, as each school varies.
- Tertiary providers such as polytech and universities can provide students support with a formal assessment. If there is no formal assessment, these supports are still available but may take up to six months for targeted supports to be put in place.

If you decide to get a formal assessment, you can go through the public system or use a private provider.

### Option 1: Public System

#### Hospital Referral - **no cost**

This is when the child is referred to the hospital by a doctor. They are referred to the hospital's clinical psychologist for a "C Grade" assessment. Your school can help you by providing a supporting letter. There can be a wait through the public system.

### Option 2: Private

There are many private avenues available across our Southern Region. These can vary in cost and waitlist availability.

These are listed for you below. This is not an extensive list but a great starting point. This is not an extensive list but a starting point.

Users of this information are to exercise their own judgement when selecting an assessment. It is the user's responsibility to determine if the providers of the assessment are police vetted. Accuracy in pricing lies with the providers of the assessments.

The information provided is for reference purposes only there is no endorsement of any of these assessment options.

Seabrook  
McKenzie

[www.seabrookmckenzie.net](http://www.seabrookmckenzie.net)

Ph: (03) 381 5383

Email: [info@seabrookmckenzie.net](mailto:info@seabrookmckenzie.net)

68 London Street, Richmond, Christchurch 8013

Full assessment ranges from \$795- \$950

SPELD NZ

[www.speld.org.nz/contact-us](http://www.speld.org.nz/contact-us)

Ph: 0800 773 536

Email: [southern@speld.org.nz](mailto:southern@speld.org.nz)

Southern Region PO Box 27 253 Shirley Box Lobby Christchurch 8640

Assessment ranges from \$500 - \$650 (excl GST) plus annual membership fee (\$50 - \$100)

reThink

[rethink.net.nz](http://rethink.net.nz)

Ph: 0221001440

Email: [office@rethink.net.nz](mailto:office@rethink.net.nz)

144 Rattray Street Dunedin

Literacy assessment \$700  
Full Cognitive Educational Assessment (The fee for this is around \$2200).

University of  
Otago  
Clinical  
Psychology  
Centre

Referrals can be made by email

[www.otago.ac.nz/psychology/clinicalpsychologycentre](http://www.otago.ac.nz/psychology/clinicalpsychologycentre)

Ph: 03 4797627

Email: [psy.clinicaladmin@otago.ac.nz](mailto:psy.clinicaladmin@otago.ac.nz)

Clinical Psychology Centre Department of Psychology University of Otago PO Box 56 Dunedin 9054

Free  
(Wait list times can be up to two years).