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ICT Support for Lower Secondary Students Struggling with Literacy

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Who should attend:	Lower secondary school Special Education and English teachers, speech pathologists and psychologists.
Why you should attend:	ICT has been found to make a huge difference to students learning, particularly those who find learning difficult. Since it is essential that these struggling students are given the opportunity to improve their literacy skills, it is important that all those involved in education can learn some useful ways of helping these students so they can be more successful. The educational software exists and it must be used!
Delivery:	Friday May 7th Time: 10am - 3.30pm (Lunch Included)
Venue:	SPELD Victoria, 494 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy North
Cost:	Non-members $90, Members $75, Parent members $50

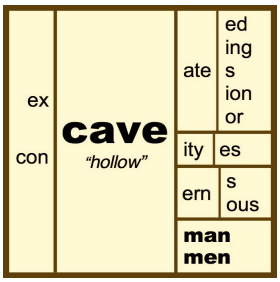
Too many secondary students struggle so much with literacy that they are unable to access the curriculum well. Many need remediation, which includes phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension in order for them to catch up with their peers as well as support to enable them to access the secondary curriculum.

The main part of the day will focus on **ICT strategies to remediate - and therefore improve - the student's basic literacy skills.**

1. Using ***Textease*** – a talking word processor, desk to publisher for writing, creativity and thinking
2. ***Inspiration*** and other planning software
3. Improving Spelling with ***Wordshark*** and ***Textease***
4. Improving accuracy and fluency with voice recognition software – ***Rapid Reading Assistant***

The ***Visual Thesaurus***, ***Catch Up***, ***Penfriend***, the ***Oxford Reading Pen*** and ***Read-On***, all of which can be very useful for students, will be mentioned briefly.

In addition some very ***supportive*** software, particularly for those students who need to improve their literacy skills, will be shown and discussed; **Read&Write Gold, Claro Read and Dragon Naturally Speaking.**



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