

Who will benefit from the DSF Literacy Clinics?

The students who will gain the most from attendance at one of the DSF Clinics are students currently falling behind in their literacy development. Specifically these students are likely to:

- ✓ Struggle to read accurately and fluently;
- ✓ Struggle with reading comprehension;
- ✓ Make frequent spelling errors, particularly in written expression;
- ✓ Display a reluctance to participate in literacy-based activities;
- ✓ Compensate when reading, by guessing from: pictures; initial letters; or, the 'look' of a word;
- ✓ Have difficulty remembering the relationships between sounds and letters;
- ✓ Have difficulty with writing;
- ✓ Have poor self-esteem, particularly in relation to literacy activities; and,
- ✓ Rarely read for pleasure.

As a not-for-profit clinic our fees will be kept as low as possible. Families experiencing financial difficulty can apply for reduced-fee tutoring.

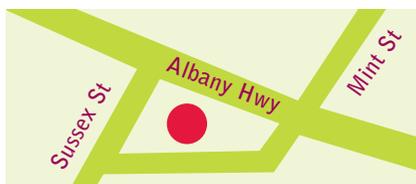
Where are we? There are three DSF Literacy Clinics.

The Clinic at **The Mezz Shopping Centre** in **Mount Hawthorn** is located above the Dome Café.



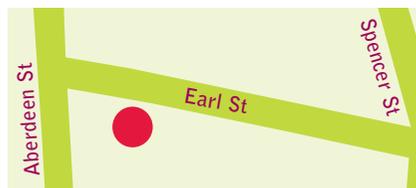
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The Clinic at **The Park Centre** in **East Victoria Park** is located next to Centre Management off the Sussex Street car park.



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The Clinic in **Albany** is near the corner of Aberdeen Street and Earl Streets, and across the road from the Holden garage.



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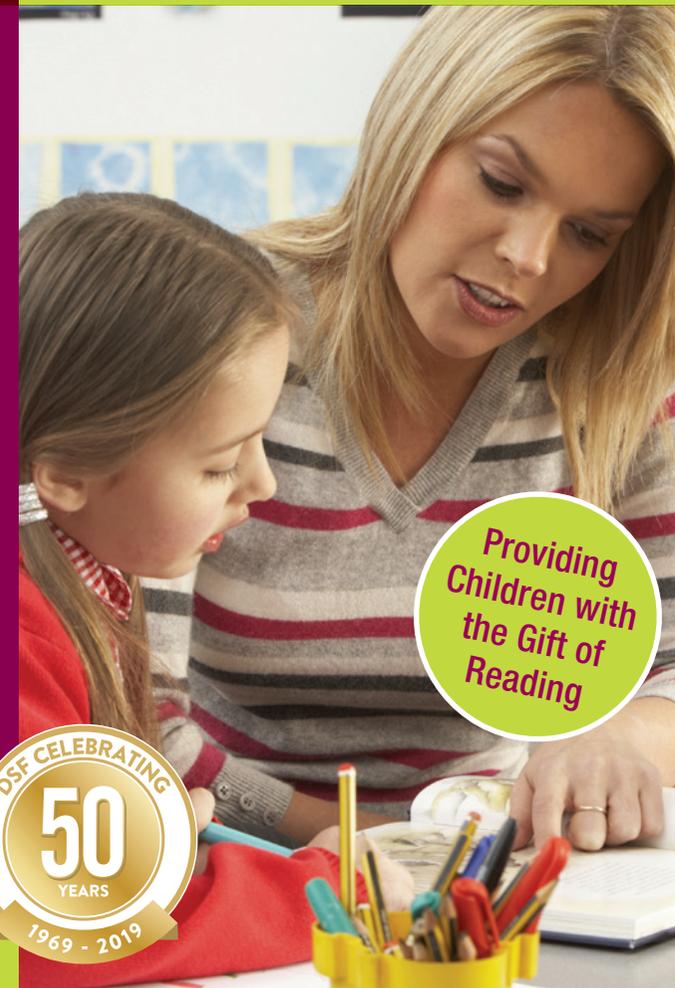
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The DSF Literacy Clinics are an exciting initiative designed to provide students struggling to develop appropriate reading, spelling and writing skills with effective, high-quality support.

Students attending one of the Clinics will receive:

- ✓ Exceptional teaching provided by highly trained tutors;
- ✓ Access to high-quality evidence-based resources;
- ✓ Ongoing monitoring and targeted assessment;
- ✓ Regular updates on progress made; and,
- ✓ Access to DSF specialist staff.

Our Aim

To assist students to become confident, successful readers and writers.

Our Values

Staff at the DSF Clinics encourage and model the values of respect, commitment, equity and fairness.

Our Staff

All staff at the DSF Clinics are experienced, successful tutors who have participated in specialist training in teaching reading, spelling and writing through DSF Literacy Services. Our teachers have particular skills in working with students who are failing to make progress in literacy and who are losing confidence in their own ability to succeed. They recognise the importance of providing students with the opportunity to be successful learners. Our tutors are supported by the professional team at DSF Literacy and Clinical Services, including specialist remedial teachers, educational and developmental psychologists, and speech pathologists.

Our Programs

In recent years, extensive research has identified the components of successful literacy instruction. This has been supported by evidence collected from classrooms, individual students, and whole-school literacy programs. Essentially, students make significantly more progress, and achieve consistently better results, when they participate in structured, sequential multi-sensory literacy programs. These programs ensure that students understand and master essential skills in English and provide them with the opportunity to develop competencies in reading accuracy, fluency and comprehension. They also provide students with the opportunity to significantly improve their spelling and writing.

Our Resources

All resources used in the DSF Clinics are evidence-based and of exceptional quality. We have a range of program materials, some of which are sourced locally and some from overseas. Some of the resources used at the clinic include: the Sounds-Write program; the Dandelion, Totem and Talisman Readers; Phonics and Morpheme Activity Packs; WordShark 5 Computer Programs; and, the Nesy Learning Program. All assessment tools are professionally developed and meet rigorous standards. Students engage in a range of enjoyable activities designed by the tutors as part of their individual programs. They make use of computer-based activities and have access to engaging reading and activity books.

Background Information

The Dyslexia SPELD Foundation (DSF) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that provides a range of services for children with persistent learning difficulties and disabilities. Our services are designed to benefit all children struggling with literacy acquisition, regardless of whether or not they have been identified with a learning disability (such as dyslexia). We are recognised as a “centre of excellence” in the field of literacy development and in the understanding and response to literacy failure.

Our Services

DSF provides advice and practical solutions to individuals, families, schools and educators regarding improved outcomes in literacy and numeracy skills. We work closely with the Department of Education and provide a range of targeted programs to schools across Western Australia.

Our services include:

- ✓ Information, advocacy and support;
- ✓ Psychological and Speech Pathology Services;
- ✓ Provision of specialist tutors;
- ✓ Professional development courses;
- ✓ A well-resourced library;
- ✓ An on-line bookstore; and,
- ✓ Ongoing collaborative research.

