



Supporting people experiencing  
learning differences

## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT &

### PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

#### What is Assistive Technology?

Assistive Technology (AT) is the hardware and software used by a student with Learning Differences which enables them to achieve their potential and beyond.

#### Who benefits from Assistive Technology?

Assistive Technology (AT) benefits individuals with Learning Differences such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyspraxia, memory difficulties, language disorders and auditory processing disorder. AT lightens the load for students with Learning Differences and those who support them.

#### Why have Professional Development?

Many educational settings are adopting a one-to-one iPad or laptop program. Students with Learning Differences can benefit greatly from the use of technology. There are specific tools, programs and apps that are now available to assist those with Learning Differences. Speld QLD provides expert advice to all educational settings, parent groups and organisations via our AT Service.

#### What topics are covered in a AT Professional Session:

Speld QLD's AT Professional Development & Parent Information sessions are tailored to meet the particular needs of the client.

#### Example topics include:

- *Assistive Technology (AT) Overview:* Examining the range and benefits of AT options (e.g. hardware, software, apps, e-books, audio books, on-line programs) that are currently available.
- *Using the iPad as an Assistive Technology (AT) tool:* Learning how to alter iPad settings to make them user friendly. Exploration and demonstrations of how best to use a series of apps to assist with the process of reading, researching, note-taking, writing and presenting written work.
- *Using Windows based devices as an Assistive Technology (AT) tool:* Learning how to alter the settings on devices to make them more user friendly. An exploration of the best tips, tools and programs that will assist learners with reading, researching, note-taking and presenting work.

**Duration:** 1.5 hrs

**Booking Details:** AT Professional Development and Parent Information sessions are arranged on an individual basis. AT Professional Development Sessions and Parent Information Sessions can take place during school hours, outside school hours and on pupil free days. AT Professional Development and Parent Information sessions may be held at our Speld QLD office at Woolloongabba or off-site.

**To find out more or to make a booking please phone: 3391 7900 or email: [ainsleyr@speld.org.au](mailto:ainsleyr@speld.org.au)**

**Other Speld QLD AT services include**

*AT iPad Consultations for small groups (held on-site at the Speld QLD, Woolloongabba) are also available.*

*Please refer to our Speld QLD Assistive Technology web page for more details about this service.*

<http://www.speld.org.au/assistive-technology>