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You're invited to a Face-to-Face Aluminar

Tuesday, 17th June 2025, 12 midday

Mercure Hotel, North Melbourne, (Cnr Flemington Rd, Harker St)

"The winds of change in reading instruction across the primary years: the what, why and how"

With Professor Pamela Snow

Pamela Snow is a Professor of Cognitive Psychology at La Trobe University and Co-Director of the Science of Language and Reading (SOLAR) Lab. A registered psychologist with a background in speech-language pathology, she has taught and researched widely in education and health. Her work focuses on language and literacy as protective factors in childhood and adolescence, particularly for high-risk groups. Professor Snow has over 200 publications and has co-developed influential literacy programs. She writes the widely read Snow Report blog and serves as an Associate Editor of The Reading League Journal. Named one of Australia's top five most powerful people in education in 2024, Professor Snow is a sought-after keynote speaker and media commentator on literacy education.



Children need strong reading skills to thrive in school and life. Poor literacy affects their health, well-being, and ability to take part in work and community. Despite solid evidence on the best ways to teach reading, debates continue. In this talk, Professor Snow will explore how teaching methods and teacher training have left too many children struggling unnecessarily. She will examine recent policy shifts in Australia and overseas that aim to bring more evidence-based approaches into classrooms. While these shifts are promising, challenges remain. This presentation will highlight what still needs to change to ensure every child gets the reading support they need.

You are warmly invited to join us for lunch (\$25/person) following the talk – RSVP by 10th June if joining us for lunch. Parking is available at the Mercure for \$15 .

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