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Launch of the Foundation for Learning and Literacy

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There is a new voice in the Australian literacy education landscape with the launch of the Foundation for Learning and Literacy today.

We are a group of expert literacy educators who have banded together to speak out about effective literacy teaching and learning practices in schools. Our Foundation is a non-aligned not-for-profit organisation which aims to provide easy access to expert, relevant quality information, resources, and advice on literacy education in Australian schools today. We encourage parents, teachers, school leaders, journalists, politicians and school community members to make contact and tap into this unique new resource.

About us

We are all experts in education with significant classroom experience and well-established academic credibility in the field of literacy education. Our expertise has been recognised through our teaching and school leadership experience, many diverse, peer reviewed publications, broad-ranging, educationally relevant, research and contributions at state, national and international literacy conferences. Visit our Foundation website for the full list of members.

About the Foundation

The Foundation for Learning and Literacy supports the Alice Springs ([Mparntwe](#)) [Education Declaration](#) and aims to directly provide resources to teachers and parents who work every day with children to give them the power, the joy and the skills of reading and writing.

We have 11 Touchstones for Effective Literacy Teaching and Learning that outline the beliefs of our new Foundation. The first is: *"A fair and equitable society depends upon every citizen being able to read and write. Being able to read and write gives people equal access to information, employment, enjoyment and further educational opportunities"*. A copy of the Touchstones is attached.

'We believe our new combined expert voice will make a difference to teachers, parents, educational decision and policy makers and politicians alike.' Jo Padgham co-convenor.

Prominent commentator Jane Caro AM says of the Foundation *"It's wonderful to see an easily accessible resource that will make all the latest credible research on helping kids learn to read and write available to parents, teachers and anyone else in plain English."* See a recording of the Foundation's launch here: <https://youtu.be/a7YOGAyRTdE>

'The Foundation for Learning and Literacy is a welcome addition to the Australian education arena in these uncertain local, national and global times. The educators who initiated the Foundation for Learning and Literacy offer a fresh voice of collective expertise to draw upon for leaders and teachers in schools, the students and families they serve and other interested community members.' Foundation Patron, Associate Professor Brian Cambourne AM.

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