Evidence-based Learning in the Classroom:
Direct Instruction at Work – Rhonda Farkota

Treacy Conference Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville
Saturday 23 March 2013, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Registration from 9.00 am

Overview of Workshop

Direct Instruction (DI) is an instructional method originally developed in the University of Oregon. The strategy has long been recognised for the measurable difference it makes to student confidence and classroom achievement. Based on meticulously planned lessons, DI’s proven foundations and inarguable diagnostic value have benefitted generations of students worldwide. Dr Farkota will give a practical overview of the teacher-directed explicit instruction programs Spelling Mastery, Junior Elementary Math Mastery and Elementary Math Mastery.

Learn how these programs help all students, but particularly those who:

- Have not reached required literacy or numeracy levels for their age
- Have low motivation to learn, or low self-efficacy
- Are classified as at-risk learners
- Have difficulty concentrating, and would benefit from repeated structured teaching and practice

The seminar will also discuss self-efficacy and the pivotal role it plays in both teaching and learning. An opportunity for questions and general discussion will follow.

About the presenter

Dr Rhonda Farkota is a Senior Research Fellow at the Australian Council for Educational Research. She has directed a wide variety of projects at international, national, state and system levels. With 28 years’ experience as a teacher and curriculum adviser, Dr Farkota has long been recognised as one of Australia’s foremost experts in Direct Instruction (DI). In 2008 she was specially seconded as Assistant Director of Australia’s National Assessment Program (NAPLAN™). Her doctoral research into DI, mathematics and self-efficacy was described by Professor DH Schunk, Dean of Education University of North Carolina, as an outstanding thesis on a topic of great theoretical and applied significance.

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