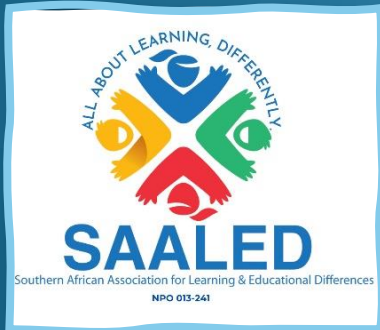




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Membership fees for 2025:

Subscription fees and Webinar rates for 2025.

School Annual Membership fee:

R2250.00 and entitles 6 teachers to join the webinars and seminar at the member rate thereafter non-member rates apply.

Individual Annual Membership fee:

R330.00 and entitles you to join all events at the member rate.

Webinar fees for non-members:

R310.00 per webinar

5% of all bookings will be donated to an Outreach School, Kings School Muldersdrift

Schools/individuals who are in need, please reach out to SAALED and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Please liaise with your school and make payment as soon as possible.

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Please ensure that your name/school's name appears on any deposit notification.

Dear SAALED Members and Friends,

We trust that you enjoyed a restful break over the April holiday period and that the new school term has begun with renewed energy and purpose. As we move into May, we look forward to sharing inspiring stories, upcoming events, and professional development opportunities that continue to support inclusive education and the incredible individuals who make it possible.

Upcoming Webinar: Equipping Teacher Assistants and Interns – 13 May 2025



We are pleased to invite you to our third webinar of the year, "Equipping Teacher Assistants and Interns," taking place on **Tuesday, 13 May 2025 at 18:00** via MS Teams. This engaging session will be presented by **René Levinge-Lang** and **Tammy Letcher** from **St Peter's Boys Preparatory School**. René, the Intern Programme Director at St Peter's Prep Schools, brings valuable

experience in organizational development, while Tammy, a seasoned Grade R teacher and Grade Head, offers insights from her 28 years in the classroom.

To make a booking:

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Myth-Busting with Referrals Webinar- 29 May 2025

WEBINAR PRESENTED BY SAALED



MYTHBUSTING REFERRALS

Referrals to a specialist, such as an educational psychologist, are often misunderstood by both parents and educators. Many believe that seeking a referral is a last resort, implying failure in teaching or parenting. However, Gillian and Amy will break down these misconceptions and offer a new perspective on the value of early intervention and support through the referral process.



Gillian Ilsley & Amy-Leigh Segeren

Educational Psychologists

Thursday
29 May
2025

18h00



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In our fourth Webinar, Educational Psychologists Gillian Ilsley and Amy-Leigh Segeren will share their insights on the topic of *"Challenging the Myths Around Referrals."*

Referrals to a specialist, such as an educational psychologist, are often misunderstood by both parents and educators. Many believe that seeking a referral is a last resort, implying failure in teaching or parenting. However, Gillian and Amy will break down these misconceptions and offer a new perspective on the value of early intervention and support through the referral process.

They aim to share their expertise on how referrals are not about labelling or limiting learners, but are, in fact, a critical step toward unlocking their potential.

Emphasis will be placed on how multidisciplinary collaboration can support a child's emotional, academic, and social development.

This session is invaluable for teachers, parents, and caregivers who want to understand the referral process better and learn how to use it as a tool for positive intervention in a child's educational journey. Don't miss this opportunity to gain insights and join the conversation about demystifying referrals and ensuring that every learner gets the support they need to thrive.

To make a booking:

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SAALED Annual Seminar & AGM – Embracing Neurodiversity in the Mainstream Classroom.

Get ready for a day packed with fresh ideas, inspiring conversations, and meaningful learning at this year's SAALED Annual Seminar! We're thrilled to welcome educational psychologists Frances Kaplan and Megan Trickey, who will be unpacking the power of neurodiversity in the mainstream classroom—a must-hear for every educator committed to inclusive, responsive teaching.

But that's not all...

☀ Explore our buzzing vendor village, featuring favourites like Label Pal, Aromadough, Des Weighted Bears, and a delightful collection of educational toys, games, and sensory resources—perfect for classrooms that celebrate every kind of learner.

🎁 Oh—and did we mention the fabulous lucky draw prizes? (Yes, plural. Yes, they're worth it.)

Join us for a day of connection, creativity, and professional inspiration. It's not just another seminar—it's a celebration of learning that includes *everyone*.

Don't miss out. We are excited and the energy is high!

Venue: Crawford International Sandton Preparatory School Hall (Benmore Gardens)

Time: 8:30 to 14:45

Date: 25 July 2025

There will be special booking rates available for SAALED members. Booking rates and details to follow soon.

Maths in Motion: Playing with Numbers at King David Linksfield.

Kirsten Simeonides and Jessica Muller were warmly welcomed by the staff at King David Linksfield, where they spent some time inspiring the Foundation Phase staff with practical and playful approaches to maths teaching. Invited to demonstrate how to plan for effective group rotational teaching and incorporate hands-on, concrete resources into the classroom, they did not disappoint—delivering a SAALED workshop that was both insightful and energising.

The impact was immediate and deeply appreciated. Natalie Marx, Head of Department, shared this heartfelt feedback:

'I just wanted to thank you both for giving of your time to share so generously with us today! Every teacher who came to watch left feeling completely inspired.'

The session was a celebration of collaboration, creativity, and the kind of professional development that leaves teachers feeling both empowered and excited to try new things. Maths + Meaningful Practice = Magic





Outreach Visit to The King's School, Muldersdrift
Board members Mrs. Shirley Gray, Ms. Jennifer Cosslett, and Ms. Pearl Makhene recently visited The King's School in Muldersdrift as part of our outreach initiative. The visit provided an opportunity to better understand the school's context and explore areas where support may be offered. We look forward to continued engagement and collaboration going forward.

Our upcoming events:

- **SAALED Annual Seminar & AGM** – Embracing Neurodiversity in the Mainstream Classroom.
- **Inclusivity and Positivity at Schools** – Creating inclusive environments that promote positivity and acceptance for all learners. 🧑🏽‍🦧🧑🏽‍🦧
- **Teacher Support & Leadership** – Equipping educators with leadership skills and strategies for effective team collaboration. 🏠📦
- **Using Tech and AI in the Classroom** – Exploring innovative ways to integrate technology and AI to enhance teaching and learning experiences. 📄💻

Look out for details about our Annual Seminar!!

Stay connected, stay inspired and keep making a difference!

With heartfelt appreciation,
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