

SRF MENU ITEM:

PUPPETS FOR LEARNING

"Using Puppets for Social and Emotional Learning"

Priority Outcome Area: Wellbeing (Social, Emotional & Executive Function).



Why Include Our Training and Resources in your 2025-2026 SRF Plan?

- Our training sessions have been included on the SRF menu since 2021 and have proven to be a very popular choice for centres. They are run by speech pathologist and puppeteer, Lucia Smith who has been working in early childhood for over 30 years.
- You will develop puppetry skills to use a puppet as a tool of engagement to enhance learning.
- But it's not just about puppets! You also learn about neurodiversity (autism, ADHD), childhood trauma, emotional regulation and social/emotional programming.
- We cater for all budgets - training can be online or your staff can come to us - or we can come to you!
- You can plan for one staff member to do the training - or all your staff (see options over the page).
- Along with the training, you receive a load of resources to use in programming right away and optional resources to include in the budget of your SRF plan.

WHAT NEXT? See over the page for Overview of Training Options
or visit puppetsforlearning.com.au/schoolreadiness

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TRAINING OPTIONS ↓	ONLINE (live via Zoom)	FACE TO FACE	COMBINE WITH OTHER CENTRES	WHOLE-STAFF TRAINING	CAN BE SPLIT OVER SHORTER SESSIONS	CAN BE RUN ON A WEEKEND	PRICING
1 We visit your venue to present	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	From \$2100
2 You host live online training	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	From \$1980
3 Attend our training venue in Melbourne	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	From \$425
4 join our live online training	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	From \$395

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Training Option ONE: Puppets for Learning comes to your centre

We visit your centre!

- Training is held over **one day** at your centre or a venue you organise.
- Training can be for **small groups or up to 30 trainees**.
- You may invite other centres to your venue and split costs.
- Allow 5.5 hrs for the training, 15 minutes for morning tea and 30 minutes for lunch (Total 6 hrs 15 mins)
- You receive downloadable data, resources, notes for all staff.
- Use your own puppets or include a puppet package (see page 7).

Costs (prices below include GST)

Day Training Fee: \$2100

Travel Costs*: 88c is charged per KM from Far East Gippsland to your centre, return.

This charge is often shared with other centres as we try and book visits to a region within the same week. It is estimated that travel costs will be around **\$300**

for Melbourne-based centres and **\$355** for Geelong-based centres.

Accommodation/Overnight Charge: A flat rate of **\$280 per night** is charged and should be included in all visits to your centre.

Weekend Charge: \$220

Optional Resources funded by SRF funding (see Page 7 for costs)

**Puppets for Learning* is based in Far East Gippsland. Travel costs and overnight/accommodation charges usually need to be included in your plan if you wish to host a training day at your centre.

This is the most expensive option.



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Training Option TWO: You host an online training session.

- Training can be held over one, two or three sessions
- Training can be for small groups or up to 30 trainees
- Trainees can sign in from home or your centre
- Choose a time of the day that suits your staff (start times btwn 8.30 am and 7.30 pm).
- Sessions can be scheduled over the weeked
- Allow 5.5 hrs for the training, 15 minutes for morning tea and 30 minutes for lunch (Total 6 hrs 15 mins) if being hosted in a single day
- You receive downloadable data, resources, notes for all staff

Customised onlinetraining
just for your staff!



Costs (prices below include GST)

Training Fee:

\$1980 if completed in one session online

\$2200 if completed over two session online (2x 2hrs 45mins)

\$2400 if completed over three sessions online (any combination of 1.5 hrs, 2 hrs and 2 hrs)

Weekend Charge: Add \$150 for any session held on a weekend

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Training Option THREE: Attend a Melbourne-based Workshop

- Send one, two or more staff along to a training day
- Sessions run from 9.30 to 3.45 pm
- The training venue is Quest Ivanhoe, 72 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
- Ivanhoe Train station is nearby and parking is available at a small cost
- You receive downloadable data, resources, notes for all staff
- Morning tea is provided (bring your own lunch)

Attend our training day!

Training Dates - 2025

Note: These sessions book out quickly

Fri 21st March 2025

Thurs 15th May 2025

Frid 16th May 2025

Thurs 7th August 2025

Fri 8th August 2025

Thurs 16th October 2025

Fri 17th October 2025

Costs (prices below include GST)

Day Training Fee: \$425 per participant

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Live and online!

Training Option FOUR: Join a Zoom Series that we Host

- Training is held over two sessions in a "series"
- Registrants must join in on both sessions
- Puppets can be sent to you prior to the training.
- Allow 2 hrs 45 mins x 2 for the training
- You receive downloadable data, resources, notes

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Training Dates - 2025

Series 1: March 6th, 13th 4.00pm - 6.45 pm

Series 2: April 29th, May 6th 2.45pm - 5.30 pm

Series 3: May 1st, 8th 4.00pm - 6.45 pm

Series 4: June 5th, 19th 2.45pm - 5.30 pm

Series 5: July 31st, August 14th 2.45pm - 5.30pm

Costs:

Day Training Fee: \$395 per participant

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You can add these resources to your training package...

Puppet Packages \$430-\$530 each

\$530 for the six puppets - includes Word Bird (for 4 year old programming)

\$430 for five puppets (doesn't include Word Bird).

Word Bird and Egg
Included in all 6 Puppet packages

Character Puppet
Choose one per package:
Snail or Green Monster

Tommy Turtle
Included in all Puppet packages

Choose a boy and a girl puppet per package

Jojo. Ned. Jack. Bart. Bobby. Nick. Tiwana. Abbie. Nina. Magda. Lily. Cara

CALMING PUPPET OPTIONS

Choose one per package:

Possum, Bunny, Ginger Kitten, Ragdoll Kitten



Word Bird is only relevant to 4 year old kindergarten programming so those working with younger children only need a 5 puppet package. Please make sure you make your choices for the character puppet, calming puppets and children puppets when registering. **We cannot guarantee your choices but we do our VERY best!**
*Rusty Robot is an optional extra. \$77



Resources, notes and programming on USB stick

\$22

(Downloadable link = free)



Alphabet Sound Card Sets

\$77 each



Coco Koala Emotions Cards

\$44 each

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What to do now?



1. Choose your preferred option and resources.
2. If choosing option 1, you may wish to contact us to receive a travel fee quote.
3. When you have your funding approved, please make your booking and choose your resources. **Do this by visiting our booking page at:**
pelicantalk.com/trainingpuppets
4. Payment – choose Purchase Order option at checkout and we can send you an invoice for payment via direct bank desposit– or you can pay at checkout via a credit card*. (CC payment attracts a 2.2% fee) .
5. Any questions? Email admin@puppetsforlearning.com.au

Go on! Get your hand up a puppet!

