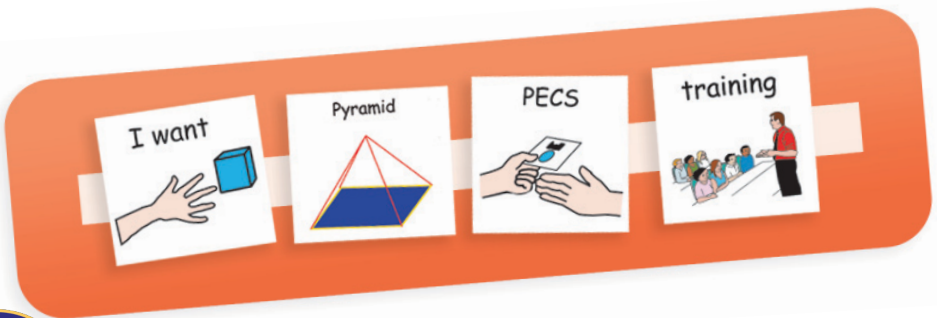




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*The source for services designed to enhance the lives of
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Pyramid Educational Consultants of Australia

Pyramid Educational Consultants was established in 1992 by Andy Bondy, Ph.D., and Lori Frost, M.S., CCC-SLP with a unique approach to teaching communication skills to children and adults with autism and related developmental disabilities. Pyramid is internationally acclaimed for providing dynamic training workshops and consultative services in both home and school settings that combine the broad spectrum of applied behaviour analysis (ABA) and a revolutionary approach to functional communication. Pyramid is the sole authorised provider for the **Picture Exchange Communication System™ (PECS)** and the **Pyramid Approach to Education™** training, consultation and certification.

Andy Bondy, Ph.D., and Lori Frost, M.S., CCC-SLP

As co-founders of Pyramid Educational Consultants, Lori Frost & Andy Bondy have travelled the world, teaching workshops on PECS, the Pyramid Approach to Education, and using B.F. Skinner's Verbal Behavior and applied behaviour analysis (ABA) to create rigorous and precise training protocols. They have presented a number of papers and lectures on autism and communication, co-authored articles, books and chapters, and are respected by professionals in their field as leaders in analysing and teaching functional communication.

Pyramid News



Pyramid Educational Consultants of Australia Newsletter

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Join thousands of PECS users on the Pyramid-PECS message board

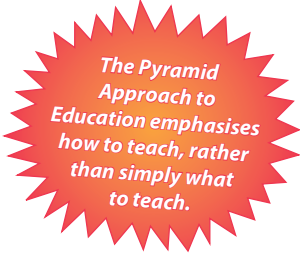
Our online message board is a great way to connect with the worldwide PECS community. Share success stories, post PECS implementation questions, learn about the newest PECS strategies and offer assistance to other PECS users. Join at <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/pyramid-pecs>

The Pyramid Approach to Education™

The Pyramid Approach to Education™ is a unique teaching method that establishes highly effective learning environments for children and adults with autism or related developmental disabilities and/or other learning impairments. Created by Dr. Andy Bondy, the Pyramid Approach utilises a broad spectrum of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) principles, while encouraging creativity and innovation on the teacher's part. It provides an invaluable foundation for educators and parents who want to provide the best possible environments for successful learning in the home, school or community.

The Pyramid Approach will provide staff, parents and caregivers with all the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to establish successful special education instructional programs.

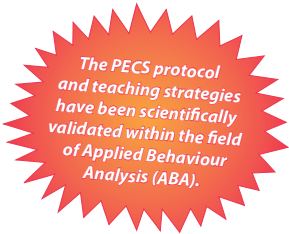
- The Science of Behaviour
- What to Teach: Functional Objectives & Activities
- Powerful Reinforcement Systems
- Functional Communication & Social Skills
- Generalisation
- Designing Effective Lessons
- Error Correction Strategies
- Evidence Based Teaching Strategies
- Collecting and Analysing Data
- Identification and Replacement of Contextually Inappropriate Behaviours



The Pyramid Approach to Education emphasises how to teach, rather than simply what to teach.

Picture Exchange Communication System™ (PECS)

PECS is a language training package that is used to teach communication skills rapidly to those with limited functional speech. PECS promotes communication within a social context, without lengthy prerequisite training or expensive materials. Training in PECS begins by teaching spontaneous requesting, and goes on to teach additional communicative functions such as responding to questions and commenting. Based on a study conducted at the Delaware Autism Program, **76% of children using PECS acquired speech** as either their primary means of communication or as augmented by a picture based system. PECS is also used successfully by many students who have developed speech, but who are not using it functionally.



The PECS protocol and teaching strategies have been scientifically validated within the field of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA).

"As a parent, these are skills that will be life changing for our whole family. Thank you."

– workshop attendee, Victoria

"I love PECS, because of the joy it has brought to so many of the students' lives - finally being able to communicate (imagine that!!)"

– teacher, New South Wales

PECS™ Basic Training

Professional \$AUD660.00 (incl. GST)

Parent \$AUD363.00 (incl. GST)

Your first step in learning to implement PECS

The Picture Exchange Communication System™ (PECS) is a language training package that is used to teach communication skills rapidly to those with limited functional speech. PECS promotes communication within a social context, without lengthy prerequisite training. Training in PECS begins by teaching a spontaneous request, and goes on to teach additional communicative functions such as responding to questions and commenting. An added attraction for preschool children with autism and related disabilities is the high proportion of children who acquire independent speech. Participants will learn how to implement the six phases of PECS, including attributes, through presenter demonstrations, video examples and role-play opportunities. Participants will leave the workshop with an understanding of how to implement PECS with individuals with autism, related developmental disabilities, and/or limited communication skills.

Agenda: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM **Registration time:** 8:15 AM to 8:30 AM

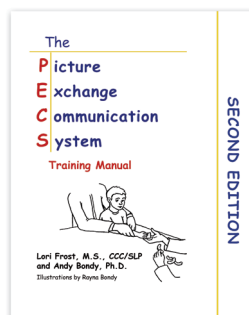
Tuition includes: a copy of the *PECS Training Manual, 2nd Edition* with *PECS Data Forms CD*, detailed handouts with space for note-taking, a Certificate of Attendance and lunch and refreshments both days

What You Will Learn:

- How to implement all six phases of PECS with target individuals using a behaviour analytic orientation
- The relationship between PECS and traditional communication training approaches
- The key Pyramid components to designing effective educational environments
- Strategies to create an abundance of opportunities for communication
- The criteria for transitioning from PECS to other communication modalities

FREE *PECS Training Manual to each participant who attends the PECS™ Basic Training (\$105 value).*

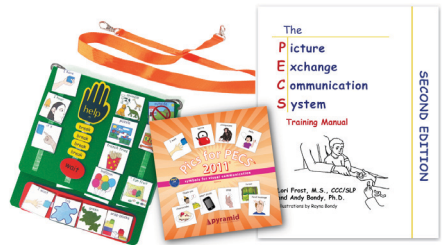
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PECS™ Basic Training

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The PECS Starter Kit is a collection of the most useful products when implementing PECS. The PECS Starter Kit includes a PECS Training Manual, 2nd Edition (including Data Forms CD), Standard (Large) Communication Book, Communication Book Strap and a Pics for PECS 2011 CD. The PECS Starter Kit is available with or without an additional PECS Training Manual. See page 15 of the products section of this catalogue



The PECS Starter Kit PLUS includes all products in the PECS Starter Kit, Standard (Large) Tabbed Insert Pages, Schedule Board Kit, Complete Visual Reinforcement Set and Universal NO Symbols. The PECS Starter Kit *PLUS* is available with or without an additional PECS Training Manual. See page 16 of the products section of this catalogue



PECS™ Basic Training dates and locations

VICTORIA

Melbourne - February 16 & 17, 2012
Melbourne - May 3 & 4, 2012
Melbourne - July 26 & 27, 2012
Melbourne - November 1 & 2, 2012
Albury/Wodonga - October 18 & 19, 2012

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane - February 20 & 21, 2012
Brisbane - May 31 & June 1, 2012
Townsville - July 18 & 19, 2012
Brisbane - October 11 & 12, 2012

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide - March 29 & 30, 2012

TASMANIA

Hobart - August 16 & 17, 2012

NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney - March 1 & 2, 2012
Sydney - May 16 & 17, 2012
Dubbo - June 18 & 19, 2012
Sydney - September 6 & 7, 2012
Albury/Wodonga - October 18 & 19, 2012

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Perth - July 30 & 31, 2012

NEW ZEALAND

Auckland - March 26 & 27, 2012
Wellington - August 16 & 17, 2012

HONG KONG

Kowloon - May 1 & 2, 2012

PECS™ Advanced Training

Professional \$AUD660.00 (incl. GST) • Early Bird \$AUD594.00 (inc GST)
Parent \$AUD363.00 (incl. GST) • Early Bird \$AUD327.00 (inc GST)

Your next step in PECS training. Fine-tune your implementation skills and expand your repertoire of advanced PECS activities.

This interactive workshop is perfect for parents and/or professionals who have previously attended the *PECS™ Basic Training* and want to address specific PECS implementation challenges and expand the use of PECS across a wide range of activities and settings. Pyramid's skilled instructor will lead group discussions and video analyses regarding practical and resourceful solutions, and innovative problem solving strategies for complex PECS implementation situations. The workshop will further provide practical ideas for advanced lessons in expanding the learners' language and communication within functional activities, and essential tools for identifying communication opportunities across the day. Participants will leave the training with innovative and creative ideas on how to successfully problem solve PECS implementation and how to take PECS to the next level.

Agenda: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM **Registration time:** 8:15 AM to 8:30 AM

Tuition includes: detailed handouts with space for note-taking, a Certificate of Attendance and lunch and refreshments both days

What You Will Learn:

- How to analyse common difficulties with PECS implementation
- How to generate solutions to your difficult PECS implementation situations
- How to analyse a program day and incorporate communicative opportunities into all activities
- How to implement specific training strategies for teaching advanced language concepts

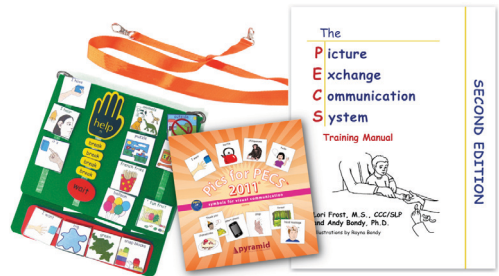
All PECS™ Advanced participants must have previously attended a PECS™ Basic Training Workshop.

PECS™ Advanced Training

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PECS™ Advanced Training dates and locations

VICTORIA

Melbourne - August 30 & 31, 2012

Early Bird Registrations accepted prior to May 30, 2012

NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney - August 27 & 28, 2012

Early Bird Registrations accepted prior to May 27, 2012

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane - September 3 & 4, 2012

Early Bird Registrations accepted prior to June 3, 2012

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide - September 10 & 11, 2012

Early Bird Registrations accepted prior to June 10, 2012

Pyramid Approach Basic Training (*Functional ABA*)

Professional \$AUD660.00 (incl. GST) • Early Bird \$AUD594.00 (inc GST)
Parent \$AUD363.00 (incl. GST) • Early Bird \$AUD327.00 (inc GST)

No matter what, where, or whom you are teaching, the Pyramid Approach can help you do it better.

The Pyramid Approach to Education™ is a comprehensive framework for establishing effective learning environments. Through the use of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA), this approach provides the foundation for a positive environment for growth. The Pyramid emphasises how to teach, rather than simply what to teach, in order to maximise an individual's learning outcomes.

This 2-day, 13 hour, Pyramid Approach Basic workshop will help professionals and parents alike to understand the critical components that ensure successful teaching and learning. The straightforward teaching methods of the Pyramid Approach can be used to encourage independence and cooperation, improve behaviour, and reinforce learning across home, school, and the community.

Agenda: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM **Registration time:** 8:15 AM to 8:30 AM

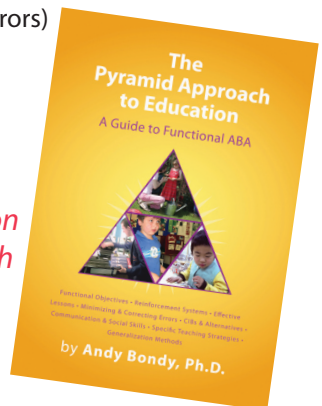
Tuition includes: a copy of *The Pyramid Approach to Education*, detailed handouts with space for note-taking, a Certificate of Attendance and lunch and refreshments both days

What You Will Learn:

- Using motivational strategies and powerful reinforcers
- Teaching functional communication skills
- Creating opportunities for learning
- Teaching techniques (prompts, shaping, correcting errors)
- Managing challenging behaviour
- Evaluating progress

FREE copy of *The Pyramid Approach to Education* to each participant who attends Pyramid Approach Basic Training (\$97.00 value)

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Pyramid Approach Basic Training (*Functional ABA*)

Have a *PECS Starter Kit* or *PECS Starter Kit PLUS* delivered to your workshop and receive a 10% discount. Just fill out the appropriate section on the registration form included, or you can submit a product order form with your registration.

The Pyramid Approach Starter Kit is a collection of the most useful products when implementing the Pyramid Approach. The Pyramid Approach Starter Kit includes a copy of *The Pyramid Approach to Education, 2nd Edition*, Schedule Board Kit, Complete Visual Reinforcement Set and Universal NO Symbols. The Pyramid Approach Starter Kit is available with or without a copy of *The Pyramid Approach to Education*.

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Pyramid Approach Basic Training dates and locations

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane - July 23 & 24, 2012

Early Bird Registrations accepted prior to April 23, 2012

NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney - August 13 & 14, 2012

Early Bird Registrations accepted prior to May 27, 2012

VICTORIA

Melbourne - September 17 & 18, 2012

Early Bird Registrations accepted prior to June 17, 2012

Teaching Critical Communication Skills

Help! I can't wait to ask for a break... and more

Professional \$AUD308.00 (incl. GST)

Parent \$AUD176.00 (incl. GST)

Learn to teach critical communication skills that lead to greater independence in home, work, school and community settings for all learners, regardless of communication modality.

There are many skills that are typically taught in communication intervention programs. Individuals with complex communication needs, however, must master certain critical communication skills if they are to function independently in the home, community, school and/or vocational setting. One set of critical skills deals with expressive communication – skills individuals need to convey important messages to others. Specific skills include: requesting reinforcers, requesting help, requesting break, acceptance and rejection skills. These skills are crucial because if a person cannot calmly and effectively communicate wants and needs, he or she may demonstrate a range of contextually inappropriate behaviours. To reduce such behaviours, we need to teach five critical expressive communication skills. A second set of critical skills relates to receptive communication – a person's ability to understand important messages from others. Specific skills include: waiting, following direction, schedule following and transitions. Failure to understand such messages may be distressing and/or dangerous for the individual. In order to reduce contextually inappropriate behaviours that occur as a result of such distress, and to ensure the individual is safe, we need to teach critical receptive communication skills. This one-day workshop focuses on why these nine skills are the highest priority for teaching, and how we teach them. The strategies covered are relevant for anyone with complex communication needs, regardless of their communication modality (e.g. Picture Exchange Communication System™ (PECS), signing, speech). This workshop is a must for anyone working and/or living with people with complex communication needs. It is an important adjunct to training in PECS, but also stands alone for those who have not completed PECS training. Parents, caregivers, and professionals alike will benefit from this workshop.

Agenda: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Registration time: 8:15 AM to 8:30 AM

Tuition includes: detailed handouts with space for note-taking, a Certificate of Attendance and lunch and refreshments

What You Will Learn:

- How to define functional communication
- How to identify and evaluate the nine critical communication skills
- How to design effective teaching strategies to promote these skills independent of modality
- How to incorporate effective visual strategies for all communicators
- How to incorporate these skills into functional activities and routines

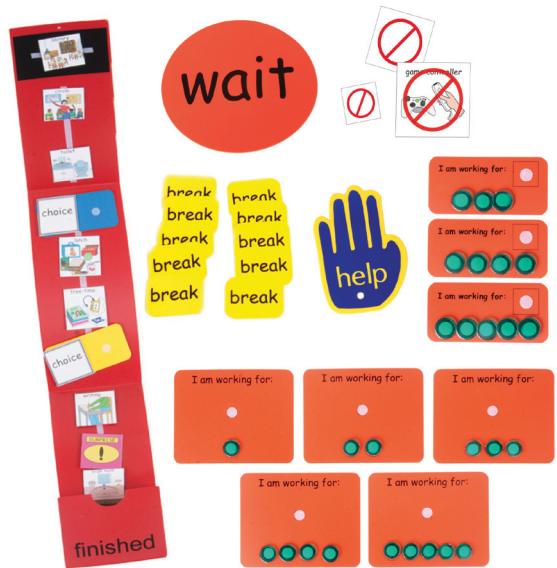
Teaching Critical Communication Skills

Help! I can't wait to ask for a break... and more

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The Critical Communication Starter Kit is a collection of the most useful products when implementing critical communication skills. The kit includes a Schedule Board, Complete Visual Reinforcement Set and a set of Universal NO Symbols.

See page 16 of the products section of this catalogue



Teaching Critical Communication Skills Training dates and locations

VICTORIA

Melbourne - April 27, 2012

NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney - May 18, 2012

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide - August 3, 2012

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane - May 14, 2012

Townsville - July 20, 2012

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Perth - August 1, 2012

SoSAFE!

Visual & Conceptual Tools for promoting social safety

Professional \$AUD405.00 (incl. GST)

Parent \$AUD200.00 (incl. GST)

The SoSAFE! program is a set of visual and conceptual tools designed to promote social safety for people with moderate to severe intellectual disability (MSID) and/or autism spectrum disorder (ASD). SoSAFE! provides teachers, counsellors, and other professionals with simple visual tools to enhance the social, social-sexual and social safety training of these individuals. The SoSAFE! program uses a standardised framework of concepts, symbols and visual lesson materials to teach the type and degree of communicative and physical intimacy appropriate with different groups of people in an individual's life. The program also teaches strategies for moving into intimate relationships in a safe and measured manner. The standardised and integrated framework of SoSAFE! facilitates the consistency of instruction, terminology and materials; all of which are essential for the acquisition and maintenance of skills in people with a moderate to severe intellectual disability and/or autism spectrum disorder. This one-day SoSAFE! workshop is an essential part of the program and introduces participants to the framework and rationale behind SoSAFE!, as well as equipping them with the skills necessary to implement this integrated framework for teaching relationships, sexuality and sexual health. Developed by two special education teachers in reaction to their own challenges in the classroom, this new and innovative program is important for anyone working in the fields of MSID and/or ASD.

Agenda: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Registration time: 8:15 AM to 8:30 AM

Tuition includes: a copy of the *SoSAFE! Training Manual and CD-ROM*, detailed handouts with space for note-taking, a Certificate of Attendance and lunch and refreshments

What You Will Learn:

- How to describe social, linguistic and cognitive characteristics of clients with intellectual disability or ASD that expose them to increased risk of physical and sexual abuse
- How to identify key design features of SoSAFE! that enhance social skills, sexuality education and social safety outcomes for these clients
- How to explain the function of SoSAFE!'s principal tools (the Touch Talk Triangle, Steps to Relationships and People, and the Relationship Book)
- How to describe how these tools can be used to address a number of common issues related to sociosexual behaviour and social safety
- Discuss the potential of SoSAFE! as an inclusive early childhood social safety training program

SoSAFE! Training dates and locations

NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney - April 27, 2012

VICTORIA

Melbourne - June 15, 2012

On-Site Training and Consultation

We can bring all of our training workshops to a location of your choice. This can save money in attendance fees and staff travel expenses, as well as provide you with the opportunity to motivate and train a large group in one session. Pyramid also specialises in consultation within schools, home and community programs. Please visit our website for a full list of available training and consultation.

In-house training can be combined with on-site consultation to provide staff with support and advice on integrating PECS & the Pyramid into the curriculum, developing more advanced skills, data collection procedures and analysis, and mastering effective teaching techniques.

Please contact us at [+61 3 9314 5374](tel:+61393145374) or admin@pecsaustralia.com to find out how to bring trainings or consultation to your location. To view a list of our Outreach Consult dates, please visit www.pecs.com and click on the *Outreach Consultations* tab in the *Consultations and Services* menu.

PECS™ Start-Up & Check-Up Programs

For further information or to book an appointment, please contact us on [+61 3 9314 5374](tel:+61393145374) or at admin@pecsaustralia.com, or visit us at www.pecs.com and click on the PECS™ Start-Up & Check-Up Programs under the Consultations tab.

PECS™ Start-Up Program:

This program is perfect for any learner who has not yet begun PECS. The program is provided in-home, educational setting, or at our Altona North clinic by one of our Pyramid Consultants and runs over 12 hours.

PECS™ Check-Up Program:

This program can be completed after a PECS Start-Up program, or if your learner is already using PECS. The program is suitable for any learner using PECS and runs over 12 hours in the home, educational setting, or at our Altona North clinic.

FaHCSIA

Helping Children with Autism Package (HCWA)

Families with access to HCWA funding may use their funding for most of our workshops, consultation services and PECS Intensive Programs. Funding can also be used to purchase our products.

(see page 2 of the products section of this brochure).

Better Start Initiative

Families with access to Better Start funding may use their funding for our products and consultation services.

Please contact us at [+61 3 9314 5374](tel:+61393145374) or admin@pecsaustralia.com, or visit www.pecs.com to find out how you may use your funding for a range of Pyramid Educational Consultants' products and services.

PECS™ Certification

Are you looking for the seal of approval that shows that you are implementing PECS according to the standardised protocol? Individuals certified in PECS have actively demonstrated to Pyramid Educational Consultants their ability to implement all phases of PECS according to the protocol and are qualified to coach and monitor those implementing PECS within their job sites. Contact us today at certification@pecs.com to find out how to become PECS Certified.

Webcast Series



Pyramid Educational Consultants are proud to announce the arrival of our new webcast series, developed by Andy Bondy and Lori Frost. Our webcasts incorporate slide show presentations and audio narration. Current titles include ***I Am the Master of My Emotions***, ***PECS and Skinner's Verbal Behavior***, ***A Clear Picture: The Use and Benefits of PECS*** and ***The Pyramid Approach for Parents and Professionals***.

Pyramid's Webcasts are available FREE at
www.pecs.com



Training Workshops

Pyramid Australia has travelled throughout Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia offering schools and other organisations a unique blend of program design, staff development and family training that can help make educational programs more successful and responsive to learner and family needs.

The PECS™ Series:

- PECS™ Overview
- PECS™ Basic Training *
- PECS™ Advanced Training *
- PECS™ Implementer Certification

Short Talk Series:

- PECS™ Myths and Facts
- Alternative Discrimination Strategies for PECS™
- PECS™ and Behaviour Management
- Transitioning Children from PECS™

Social Safety:

- SoSAFE! *

* **Scheduled Workshops** - you can register for one of our scheduled workshops listed in pages 4-10 of this booklet

On-Site Workshops - contact Pyramid to enquire how you can bring one or more of these workshops to your community, organisation or school

Language Series:

- Teaching Critical Communication Skills - Help! I can't wait to ask for a break... and more *
- Teaching Children to Talk

Excellence in Teaching Series:

- Pyramid Approach Basic Training (Functional ABA) *
- Pyramid Approach: Creating Effective Teaching Environments
- Guide to Managing Challenging Behaviours *
- Teacher's Guide to Organising and Managing the Classroom

Consultation Services

Pyramid specialises in consultation within schools, homes, and work programs. Our expert consultants have extensive experience with all age groups and across many disabilities. Let us provide you with state-of-the-art assessment and recommendations, customised to your staff and/or learner's needs.

- Pyramid Approach to Education Evaluation
- Pyramid and PECS™ Consultation: In-Home, Classroom, Telephone, Online
- Distance PECS™ Supervision
- Pyramid Certified Classrooms
- PECS™ Start-Up
- PECS™ Check-Up

Workshop Registration Form

New Zealand

NZ GST No: 85-167-073

You can mail, email or fax your registration form to:

Pyramid Educational Consultants of Australia Pty Ltd
413 Blackshaws Road • Altona North • Victoria • 3025 • Australia

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Attendee: *(Please print clearly)*

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