



Best Practice and Innovation in Literacy and Numeracy

Western Australia

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Overview

- Literacy and Numeracy Review
- *Getting it Right*
- *First Steps*
- The Aboriginal Literacy Strategy
- Building Inclusive Classrooms
- Read Write Now!

Literacy and Numeracy Review



- Independent review
- Recommendations across five key areas
 - Evidence-based decision making
 - Leadership
 - The early years
 - Support for teachers
 - Beginning teachers

WA Literacy and Numeracy plan

Priority actions focus on:

- Strengthening partnerships with parents
- Improving the quality of teaching
- Implementing case management
- Ensuring effective school leadership

Getting it Right

- Key purpose to:
 - Improve literacy and numeracy outcomes across government schools
 - Achieve greater parity of outcomes for all groups of students
- Provides additional specialist teaching personnel, professional development and support to government schools

Getting it Right



- Enhances the capacity of existing teachers
- Targets schools with the greatest need
- Valuable source of professional development
- Extended to secondary schools in 2006

First Steps

- Resources and professional learning workshops for literacy and mathematics
- Explicit practical teaching resource that links assessment, teaching and learning
- Informed by local, national and international research
- Highly regarded nationally and internationally

Aboriginal Literacy Strategy



Key benefits/outcomes:

- Improved literacy outcomes of Aboriginal students
- Coordinated approach to literacy teaching in remote areas
- Increased professional development opportunities

Aboriginal Literacy Strategy

- Minimum of two hours English language and literacy instruction (including phonics) provided to every student each day
- Focused on Standard Australian English
- Specialist teaching staff provide onsite support to schools involved in the program
- Introduced in 49 schools in Western Australia

Building Inclusive Classrooms



- Support schools to develop inclusive school cultures
- Facilitate responsive teaching and learning environments.
- Target students with a diverse range of learning needs.

Read Write Now!

- Volunteers provide one-to-one tuition for individuals who are unable or unwilling to participate in formal literacy training
- Over 1000 volunteer literacy tutors across WA
- Program is accessible and flexible
- Individually designed programs