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
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.
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