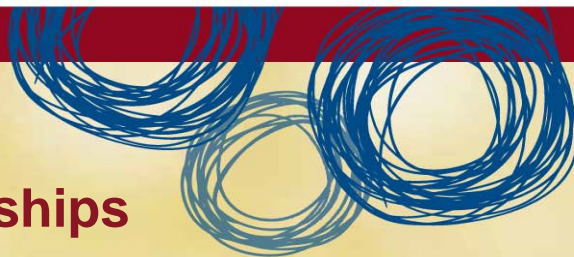


Literacy and Numeracy Coaches

Smarter Schools National Partnerships



Fact sheet

Overview

The Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership is a Commonwealth/State Government initiative that provides a long-term commitment to improving literacy and numeracy standards and strengthening skills in Queensland school communities.

A core element of the partnership is to engage and train literacy and numeracy coaches to work across 175 phase one state schools (until Dec 2011) and 35 phase two state schools (until June 2011).

Purpose

The coaches work directly with teachers and school teams to improve student performance in literacy and numeracy.

The coaches assist teachers to build teaching skills and leadership through support and professional development.

The introduction of coaches in Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership schools also focused on whole-school improvement. A coach's intensive one-on-one approach in supporting teachers was a new strategy for many Queensland schools.

Implementation

This initiative is delivered through:

- Selection and recruitment of literacy and numeracy coaches
- Professional development and training of coaches
- Allocation of coaches to education regions for use in Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership Schools
- Forums for school leaders to plan implementation of initiatives.

Student literacy and numeracy improvements are measured using National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) data and local school measures.

Timeline

Selection and recruitment of coaches was completed in September 2009 and is ongoing as required.

Professional development for the newly appointed coaches began in October 2009, with forums and professional development continuing in 2011.

Funding

A funding provision of \$14 million has been allocated in 2009-2011 for the employment, professional development and training of the coaches.

Funding for this initiative is sourced from the National Partnership. Further funding of this initiative may be sourced from the Australian Government for meeting partnership targets.

Additional information

For further information regarding the priorities and projects of the Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership visit the Department of Education and Training website at:

www.education.qld.gov.au/nationalpartnerships

If you have a specific inquiry, please contact your local L&N NP School or Department of Education and Training regional office. Contact details can be found on the department website at:

www.education.qld.gov.au/directory/phone or a list of participating L&N NP Schools is located at: <http://smarterschools.gov.au/ParticipatingSchools/Documents/QLD/SchoolsListQLD.pdf>

This initiative is strategically linked to the following:

- Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership
- Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities National Partnership
- Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership
- Closing the Gap Education Strategy
- Youth Attainment and Transitions National Partnership
- 2009 State Election commitment.

