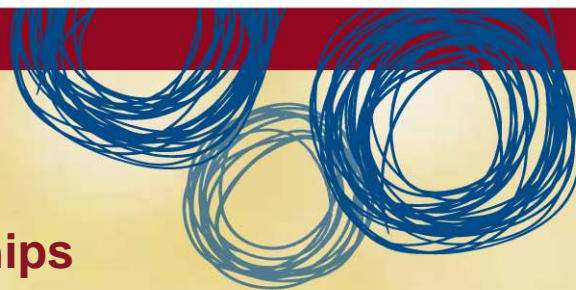


Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership

Smarter Schools National Partnerships



Fact sheet

Overview

The Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership is a joint initiative between the Australian Government, Education Queensland and Catholic and Independent schooling sectors.

The Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership includes a long-term commitment to improving student literacy and numeracy achievements and supporting teachers to develop enhanced skills.

Reforms include a focus on curriculum leadership and engaging school communities in literacy and numeracy education, professional development for teachers and setting targets to monitor student progress.

Each schooling sector, in consultation with local communities, determines which strategies best respond to local needs.

Purpose

Improving the literacy and numeracy achievements of all school students requires a considered and strategic approach.

Queensland's *Literacy and Numeracy Implementation Plan* has been developed to support schools to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for students.

It includes a range of strategies tailored to suit the diversity of schools in Queensland – from small rural and remote to large complex urban schools.

Integral to the focus of the Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership is a statewide commitment to strengthening accountability, curriculum leadership and quality teaching in every school, every classroom, every school day.

The Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership reforms focus on:

- building strong leadership and effective teams to renew and refocus on curriculum, through principal forums and literacy leadership programs and training
- engaging school communities in the literacy and numeracy education of their children by providing literacy and numeracy information to families and e-learning resources for schools
- delivering professional development for teachers in the areas of literacy and numeracy by engaging literacy and numeracy coaches, providing all state school teachers in Years 4 to 7 with five days' literacy training and offering vacation-based professional development for teachers
- achieving improved learning through assessment and monitoring of student progress in literacy and numeracy and intervention by providing increased resources to regions for local initiatives.

Implementation process

In Phase One, 175 state schools, 36 Catholic schools and 28 Independent schools across Queensland were selected to participate in the Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership. In Phase Two, 35 additional state schools joined the program. Summer school programs have been provided during the September and Christmas vacation periods since 2009 for students in Years 5, 6 and 7 who require additional support to improve their literacy and numeracy achievement. Other schools also benefit from statewide strategies under the partnership.

Timeline

Initiatives supported through the Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership will be implemented from 2009–2012.



Funding

Schools will use funding of up to \$138.6 million from the Australian Government to implement reforms as specified in the Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership.

During 2009 and 2010, the funding agreement will see the Australian Government invest \$41.6 million in literacy and numeracy reforms in schools across Queensland.

In 2010-12, Queensland will be eligible for up to \$97 million in reward funding if agreed performance targets are met.

State and non-state schools and systems will match Australian Government funding for the Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership.

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:

- Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities National Partnership
- Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership
- 2009 State Election commitment
- Youth Attainment and Transitions National Partnership (www.deewr.gov.au/Youth/YouthAttainmentandTransitions/Pages/Home.aspx)
- Closing the Gap Education Strategy (www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/indigenous/strategies/closing-gap.html).

