

Set teaching times for English and mathematics in Years 1-7 in 2010

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Overview

From 2010 Queensland state schools will have set hours for teaching English and mathematics for students in Years 1 to Year 7.

This means that from the beginning of next year, many teachers in Queensland state schools will spend more time teaching English and mathematics to students from Year 1 to Year 7.

Purpose

The Department of Education and Training recognises the need to focus more attention on these important areas.

This is supported by the recent study undertaken by Professor Geoff Masters of the Australian Council for Educational Research.

The Queensland Government engaged Professor Masters to investigate ways to improve literacy and numeracy learning in Queensland primary schools.

Parents and teachers know that English and mathematics are vitally important in all years of schooling.

By spending more time on these important areas, literacy and numeracy outcomes for Queensland students will improve.

Timeline

From the start of the 2010 school year, teachers will have space in the curriculum to devote more time to teaching English and mathematics as schools implement the following minimum hours per week.

Set teaching times

	Yrs 1-3	Yrs 4-7
English	7 hours per week	6 hours per week
Mathematics	5 hours per week	5 hours per week

Schools also retain the flexibility to provide additional time to these subject areas if that best suits the needs of their students.

Other subject areas will continue to be taught well. Access to a complete and engaging curriculum is important for all students.

While schools will continue to teach all Key Learning Areas, it is important that we prioritise English and maths.

Additional information

Further information about set teaching times for English and mathematics please contact your local school.