# PreLit early literacy preparation program

Designed for early learning, PreLit builds the foundation for success at school.









PreLit is a systematic, skills-based literacy preparation program for children in the year before they commence school. Fun and engaging, PreLit is designed to complement a play-based learning environment and give early childhood teachers the tools to teach pre-literacy skills and concepts and smooth the transition to school.

Developed by MultiLit, and informed by deep research into the most effective instructional methods, PreLit is easy to implement and focuses on two essential reading prerequisites: phonological awareness, or the ability to identify sounds and associated letters, and oral language development. Through a structured program of story time, discussions, games and activities, children will develop the confidence and skills to arrive at school ready to learn to read.



# The 5 Big Ideas

Evidence from scientific research points to the most effective teaching strategies for learning to read, which requires two related abilities:

**Word recognition** – correctly identifying words, and **Comprehension** – understanding their meaning.

To develop these abilities, young readers will need to develop five key skills, referred to as the Five Big Ideas. As a dedicated pre-literacy program, PreLit focuses on four of the Five Big Ideas:

# PreLit + the 5 Big Ideas

- 1. Phonemic Awareness
  - ☑ Blending phonemes
  - ✓ Segmenting words into phonemes
- 2. Phonics
  - ☑ Linking sounds to single letters
- 3. Fluency

This is a skill that will be developed later in the reading journey.

- 4. Vocabulary
  - ☑ Shared story book reading
- 5. Comprehension
  - ✓ Shared story book reading

PreLit will equip students with the following concepts before they start school:

#### **Phonological awareness**

- Words
- Alliteration
- Syllables
- Rhyme
- Onset rime
- Phonemes

#### **Print awareness**

- Printed words
- Letter awareness
- Linking letters to sounds

#### PreLit at ...

#### **Appleseed Childcare**

"The children enjoy the storybooks, rhyming and games in the program. They are excited when they sound out letters, and then realise they just read their first word! Parents always tell us how PreLit helped their child transition to school. It gives children such a sense of confidence and self-worth."

Jaclyn | Red Room Room Leader

#### **Broughton Anglican College**

really appreciate the explicit teaching elements and the repetition of tricky activities. I am amazed at the skill level and sound knowledge I now see in the class. I can't recommend this program highly enough to any preschool teacher aiming to increase children's knowledge, skills and interest in reading."

Susanne Beckinsale | Early Childhood Teacher

#### Format and structure

PreLit builds skills in sequence and complements play-based learning. Through 108 short lessons filled with fun activities, children develop essential sound awareness, while shared storybook reading develops vocabulary and spoken language skills.

Two interactive 15-minute blocks are delivered at least three times per week, with no further resources or ongoing program costs required.

PreLit follows the preferred method of intentional teaching for the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia (refer to Outcome 5 – Children are Effective Communicators).

Already adopted in over 1,100 early learning centres and schools across Australia, the PreLit program can be delivered to the whole pre-school class, small groups or one on one.

# The PreLit kit includes essential delivery materials and guides for direct implementation.



#### **Each Kit contains:**

- A teacher manual
- A lesson book
- Sound snap game
- Shared storybook reading cards with activities and guided discussion around 36 much-loved children's literature titles
- Picture cards, letter cards and alphabet picture cards



## **Lighthouse Early Learning**

"PreLit early literacy program has assisted us in supporting the transition to school. It is easy to follow and track success. Children love the interactive components and story time. Numerous parents have observed the impact of PreLit, on their children's concentration, reading, writing and listening skills, and have offered very positive feedback. A fantastic program for preschoolers!"

Sarah Vassallo | Centre Director

# **Professional Development**

Our professional development training provides further instruction for early childhood teachers to ensure a smooth implementation of the program.

It is a great way to ensure consistent delivery and optimum impact for your centre, as well as upskilling your staff in critical concepts about teaching early literacy.



## **About MultiLit**

MultiLit is a leading Australian provider of effective literacy instruction.

We cover every stage of the reading journey – from pre-literacy to best practice whole-class instruction and intervention for struggling readers. Easy to implement, our sequential and highly effective programs empower educators and build confident young readers, using methods informed by the latest scientific research.

