



Essential features of HIPPY

- Home tutors
- Home visits
- Weekly activities
- Storybooks
- Group meetings
- A love of learning
- Fun!

Contact Us

Contact us if you have any questions about HIPPY, or would like to take part in the program.

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Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters



- **HIPPY** is a two-year home-based program for parents of preschool children.
- **HIPPY** empowers parents to be their children's first teacher.
- **HIPPY** promotes school readiness and maximises the chances of a successful early school experience.
- **HIPPY** fosters parent involvement in school and community life.
- **HIPPY** is fun!





What does HIPPY involve?

The program runs over two years, for 30 weeks each year during school terms.

A home tutor makes fortnightly home visits to demonstrate the activities to the parent through role-play.

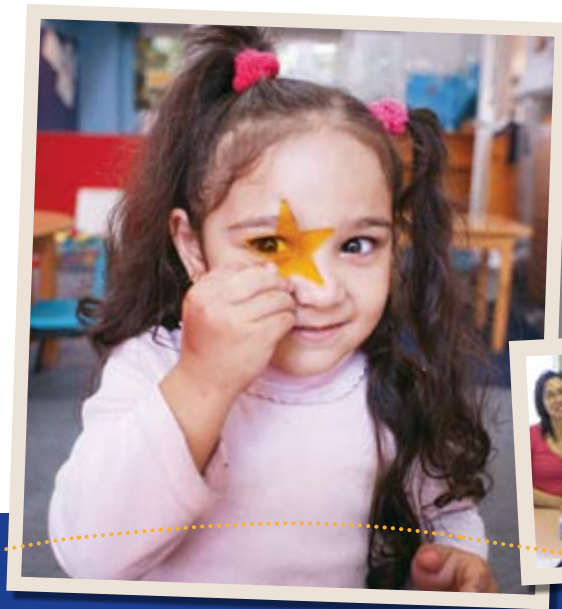
Regular group meetings allow parents to discuss progress, provide support and encouragement to each other and take part in fun enrichment activities.

Parents work with their children, spending 10 to 15 minutes a day, five days a week.

Benefits for children

HIPPY aims to:

- encourage a love of learning in children
- prepare children for school by teaching skills and concepts, such as early numeracy and literacy
- maximise the chances of children enjoying and doing well at school
- promote language and listening skills and develop children's concentration
- build children's self-esteem and confidence in learning
- provide opportunities for parents and children to enjoy time together.



Benefits for parents

HIPPY aims to:

- help parents create a learning environment at home
- increase parents' knowledge of child development and the way children learn
- give parents opportunities to enjoy positive time with their children
- enable parents to be more actively involved in their children's education
- create employment and training opportunities for parents.

