



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.

A little more about HIPPY

- HIPPY is designed to be enjoyable for parents, children and the whole family.
- HIPPY gives parents/carers the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with children.
- HIPPY tutors are parents who have also participated in the program.
- HIPPY books, weekly activity packs and materials are provided.
- HIPPY is fun!
- There is no cost for the families involved.

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Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters



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





What does HIPPY involve?

The program runs over two years, during school terms.

Families start HIPPY when their child is in the year before school (usually around 4 years old) and continue into the second year of HIPPY during their first year of formal schooling.

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

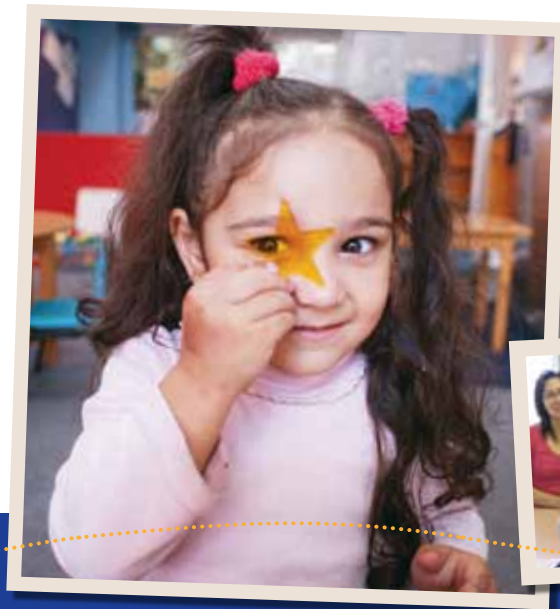
Regular group meetings allow parents/carers to discuss progress, provide support and encouragement to each other and take part in fun enrichment activities.

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

Benefits for children

HIPPY aims to:

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

