

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.



PreLit at ...

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"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."

Jaelyn | Red Room Room Leader

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

Broughton Anglican College

"I have been so impressed with how easy the PreLit program is to use! I 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