



What is HIPPY?

Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a home-based early childhood learning and parenting program that empowers parents and carers as their child's first teacher and helps prepare the child for a positive transition to school.

HIPPY is FREE and goes for two years

HIPPY Eastlakes office space is based in the grounds of Windale Public School. The program can be delivered to parents and care-givers in the family's home, at the HIPPY Office or at a suitable community location (e.g Park, Library)

In the first year of HIPPY, parents are empowered to become their child's first teacher through play-based activities and fun learning.

In the second year of HIPPY, the year before school begins, families learn skills to help develop their child's confidence towards a positive transition to school.



WHAT IS A HIPPY TUTOR?

Tutors are parents who are also doing HIPPY with their child or have recently graduated from HIPPY. Your HIPPY Tutor is trained in the HIPPY activities and will practice the activities with you at each home visit. Your HIPPY child does not have to be there when the Tutor comes. You can meet your Tutor at home or somewhere else, like a park or a library. After this, you do the activities with your child.



How is the Program delivered?

The HIPPY program is a specifically designed and structured curriculum of play-based activities that start simple and increase as the weeks progress to assist children in preparation and transition for school.

Age 3 begins with 3 activities slowly increasing to 4 with a fortnightly pack delivery.

Age 4 activity packs have 5 different activities per pack for children to explore with a weekly pack delivery.

Activities and storybooks are fun and educational, and are aligned to the Australian Early Years Framework and National Quality Standards (NQS). The activities will make sense to you and allow your child to have a go.

A trained HIPPY Tutor meets with the family to practice HIPPY activities.

Benefits of *HIPPY*

Helps you as your child's first teacher

Helps children be ready for school

Builds self-esteem and confidence

Families have fun learning together

Strengthens links to your community

YOU WILL ALSO ATTEND REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Group meetings give parents a chance to learn more about their children's development and behaviour, and to find out about local services, schools, and free local activities. Parents can also participate in training and short courses for FREE. You'll meet new families and make friends and there is usually good food and coffee, you can relax and chat while your children play supervised with other HIPPY children. The best part is recent research has found that families' participation at group meetings improves children's school readiness.



What *HIPPY* families get?

- ❖ Free story books and activity packs for all HIPPY children
- ❖ A regular time with a HIPPY Tutor
- ❖ Invitations to community events and HIPPY group Meetings
- ❖ Training and learning opportunities

HIPPY fits around families daily routine

HIPPY families spend around 10 to 15 minutes a day, five days a week, doing educational activities together

HIPPY Eastlakes is staffed by a qualified Coordinator and a team of Home Tutors.

Home Tutors are parents participating in the program who live in your community. Home Tutors are paid employees and receive training and support from the Coordinator. Becoming a Home Tutor can offer you a pathway to training and employment and fosters community leadership.

Want to know more?

Visit www.jobquest.org.au/hippy, email hippy@jobquest.org.au or phone 0493201944

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