



Curriculum K–12 Directorate

Literacy Unit Fact sheet

Curriculum support and professional learning for teachers K–12

The Literacy Unit provides advice and support to schools, regions and state offices in relation to literacy teaching that is aligned to the *Literacy K–12 Policy*.

Literacy website:

<www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/literacy/index.htm>

The Literacy Unit

Comprises three key areas of operation:

- **strategic policy and planning** which includes: policy development; state level planning; coordination and reporting; managing Commonwealth initiatives; advising on State and national issues; consulting and liaising with stakeholder groups and professional associations
- **materials development** which includes: researching contemporary literacy practice; reviewing, revising and rewriting existing literacy materials; producing new literacy resources in line with the current literacy plan and policy
- **focused professional learning and initiatives** which include: managing the delivery of key literacy programs and initiatives within the CK–12 Directorate including the training of regional and school-based personnel.

Early Literacy Online

<<http://10ss.qtp.nsw.edu.au/elo>>

Literacy Online Stage 2

<<http://10ss.qtp.nsw.edu.au/elo/stage2/index.html>>

Literacy in the Middle Years

<www.qtp.nsw.edu.au/middle_years>

Literacy on Track

<www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/literacy/program/lit_track/index.htm>

Reading Recovery

<www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/literacy/program/reading_recovery/index.htm>

National Literacy and Numeracy Week

<www.nlnw.nsw.edu.au>

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Current focus areas:

- Discussion papers on critical aspects of literacy, including: comprehension, aspects of speaking, aspects of writing, vocabulary knowledge, concepts about print and text, reading texts
- Ongoing production of new literacy guides. Guides currently in development include:
 - *Literacy teaching: Comprehension*
 - *Literacy learning strategies in ES1, S1 & S2*. (A redevelopment of *Choosing literacy strategies that work, Vol 1 & 2*)
- Development and consultation of *Literacy K–10 continuum*
- Development of literacy professional learning workshops for school-based implementation with parents/community
- Finalisation of comprehensive literacy support for *Best Start* Initiative:
 - re-developed, streamlined, entry-to-school literacy assessment tasks, stimulus materials and analysis processes
 - training support and materials for regional and school level implementation of *Best Start* assessment, planning and teaching
- Re-design of *Literacy on Track* and *Early Literacy Online* into one key early years' professional learning program with:
 - new and expanded content
 - specific support for the implementation of *Best Start*
 - more accessible delivery and take-up options
 - a focus on school literacy leadership
- Expansion of the *Reading Recovery* program
- Additional videos created under the *National Literacy and Numeracy Week* project for teacher professional learning and parent support
- Review of *Literacy in the Middle Years* program to increase accessibility for schools.

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