

MacqLit: Parent Information

What is MacqLit?

MacqLit is a reading program for children in Year 3 and above who need some help with their reading. It usually takes place in groups of up to four students and takes up to an hour a day. It has been developed by MultiLit, a research-based initiative of Macquarie University. MultiLit has been producing reading programs for over 20 years.

Why has my child been selected to do MacqLit?

Your school will be able to give you more information about why your child has been chosen to receive MacqLit, but usually it is because your child is not making as much progress in reading as the others in his or her class. The aim of MacqLit is to help those struggling with their reading catch up with their classmates as quickly as possible.

What is involved in MacqLit?

Teachers or teacher assistants work with small groups for up to an hour a day, four or five times a week, using the carefully structured MacqLit materials. The program will teach your child how to read and spell words using appropriate strategies. The school will decide how long children need to be on the program, but it will usually be for several terms, depending on how much catching up they need to do.

As well as doing the one-hour MacqLit lessons, students need to get plenty of opportunities to practise the skills they are learning. They do this by reading one-to-one with a tutor for 20 minutes at a time, preferably daily. Please talk to your school if you are interested in helping your child with this part of the program.

How do I know the program is effective?

Many decades of research into reading have shown teachers how best to teach reading. MacqLit uses these research-based teaching methods. The teacher delivering MacqLit will be closely monitoring your child's progress through regular short progress monitoring activities as well as through more formal testing. Over time you will notice your child reading with more independence and with greater accuracy and fluency. Your child's confidence will improve as well as his or her comprehension.

How can I help my child?

Although MacqLit can only be used in schools by specially trained teachers and classroom assistants, parents can help their child by listening to them read several times a week at home, using MultiLit's Reinforced Reading approach. Ask your school for more information.

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