

## Learning Support at Blacktown West



Students currently receive learning support from our support staff depending on the needs of each individual student. Class teachers assess the needs of their students and liaise with support teachers to provide the best support for each student. The support teacher devises a program for each student in consultation with the class teacher. These programs are delivered in a variety of ways depending on the needs of individual students and classes. Different ways of supporting students include:

- Support teacher withdrawing a small group of students from whole class to deliver intensive teaching and support in specific areas.
- Support teacher working with a group of students in their own classroom, supporting them and providing them with strategies to complete class tasks.
- Support teacher teaching majority of students in a class while class teacher is targeting individual students to improve skills.
- Equity Funding allows us to employ a teacher who assists each class teacher for one hour per week during Writing sessions.
- Early Action for Success Program allows us to analyse assessment data and provide target students with additional literacy and numeracy support.
- Intensive Reading Program provides intensive individual support in reading for targeted student.

Maths Groups provide students with daily instruction in streamed maths groups. Extra teachers for each grade means that groups are smaller and therefore students receive more individual assistance. Learning activities are programmed to help students build upon their skills when learning new mathematical concepts at a pace suited to individual level.

Student Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) are trained to assist in classrooms delivering groups activities designed by class teachers and providing individual tuition in a variety of areas such as oral reading.

### Support Staff Members

Mrs Kaur Mrs Sridhar Mrs Kaskaniotis Ms Cassells Mrs Garbutt Mrs Brierley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extra support in literacy and numeracy</li><li>• Extra support in literacy and numeracy</li><li>• Extra support in literacy and numeracy</li><li>• Extra support in literacy and numeracy</li><li>• Extra support in literacy and numeracy through EAfS Program</li><li>• Extra support in literacy and numeracy through EAfS Program</li></ul>
Mrs Roi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intensive Reading Program for Year 1 students</li><li>• Extra support in English (EAL/D)</li></ul>
Mrs Abeywickrema	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extra support in English (EAL/D) and numeracy</li></ul>
Mrs Bokenham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extra support in writing</li></ul>

If your child is receiving Learning Support in any of the methods outlined above, you will be receiving a letter informing you that this procedure is in place. If you feel that your child requires support in any of these areas, please contact your child's teacher or the school office to organise an interview to discuss your child's needs.

Yours faithfully

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