



Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY)



HIPPY Warrawong now taking enrolments!

HIPPY Warrawong is open to families who:

- live in Warrawong or surrounding areas
- have a child aged 3 or 4 and have another year before starting kindergarten

HIPPY Warrawong is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters.

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How can HIPPY help you.

The HIPPY program is for children in their year before starting school, and continues in their first year of school. HIPPY is a FREE home-based early childhood enrichment program, that runs during school terms.

How old does my child need to be to start HIPPY?

Children can start HIPPY if they are three or four years old and have another year before starting school.

HIPPY helps children by:

- Preparing them for school
- Building their self-esteem and confidence in learning
- Providing opportunities to enjoy time with their parents.

HIPPY helps parents learn many things including:

- How to be more involved in their child's learning
- Understanding more about child development and the way children learn

How does HIPPY work?

Home visits

Home tutors visit parents/caregivers in their home every second week to show them how to do the HIPPY activities. The parent and their child then spend 10 to 15 minutes each day, five days a week, doing the activities together.

Group meetings

Parents meet in a group every second week to practice new activities, discuss topics with guest speakers and participate in fun games that they can then try at home with their children. They also meet other parents who are doing HIPPY.

Does my child need to be home for home visits or come to group meetings?

The home tutor supports the parent during home visits and group meetings. The home tutor does not work with the child so children do not have to be present at home visits or group meetings.

Will I get home visits or need to go to group meetings during school holidays?

HIPPY does not run over school holidays, unless parents require extra support.



Who are the home tutors?

Home tutors are parents in the HIPPY program who are doing the activities at home with their own children at the same time as being paid to help other families.

Can I be a home tutor?

If you are interested in the paid position of home tutor you will need to speak to the coordinator of your local HIPPY program.

How much does it cost to join HIPPY?

Joining HIPPY costs nothing as this program is fully funded through the Australian Government's Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). Families taking part in HIPPY receive a set of activity packs and books designed to help their child's learning.

What do I need to do to join HIPPY?

To find out how to join HIPPY Warrarong, contact the HIPPY coordinator on **02 4275 8575**