



# Grose View Public School



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Dear Parents/Carers

## 2018 LITERACY PLANET PROGRAM

During 2017, we were very excited to offer each student at Grose View Public School a paid subscription to the Literacy Planet program. This program was available at school and at home for all students through the Literacy Planet website, and through downloading the free application for use on a mobile device (from Google Play and the App Store).

During 2018, we would like to continue with the Literacy Planet subscription because of its highly engaging and motivating program, however we ask that the cost is covered by our families. Literacy Planet offers a wide range of activities based on phonics, sight words, reading, spelling, comprehension, grammar, punctuation and writing tasks.

Already this year, students have received their personal username and password, and are using the program at school during literacy rotations or as part of their homework tasks. The log in details may have been glued into your child's homework book. If you require a copy of your child's student username and password please speak to, email or send a message through ClassDojo to your child's class teacher.

### What is Literacy Planet?

Literacy Planet brings together curriculum aligned literacy education and the latest digital technology. Whether for early reading skills or advanced grammar, Literacy Planet will provide your child with a learning adventure to help them develop excellent English literacy skills. Gamified and interactive, Literacy Planet will engage and motivate your child to do their best. It is so much fun, they won't even know they're learning! <http://www.literacyplanet.com/au/home/>

### Cost to parents?

During 2018 there is a cost of \$12.50 per student to subscribe to Literacy Planet. The subscription is valid until the start of the new school year in 2019 which means that students have access to their account over the Christmas holidays too. Please return the slip below with payment by **Friday 4 May 2018**.

To find out more information, please contact the school or visit [www.literacyplanet.com/au](http://www.literacyplanet.com/au)

Yours sincerely

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## GROSE VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL Literacy Planet Subscription



I have included payment of \$12.50 per student for:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by POP. Receipt No: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# LITERACY PLANET FACs for Parents and Guardians

*from the Literacy Planet website*

## **Is the program easy to use?**

YES. Literacy Planet is a very user-friendly program. Audio-visual prompts guide students throughout the program, including positive reinforcement to encourage achievement.

## **Does Literacy Planet support the educational content covered in school?**

YES. This web-based literacy program supports the English curriculum and meets essential learning standards. Literacy Planet is an educational resource that can be implemented into the classroom or used at home to support school literacy programs.

## **What key literacy areas are covered by the program?**

Literacy Planet is a comprehensive literacy resource that covers Pre-Reading, Phonics, Vocabulary, Spelling, Reading, Comprehension and Grammar. Activities are interactive, fun and engaging, promoting students' willingness to learn while facilitating their literacy development.

## **Is the program suitable for preschool aged children?**

YES. The program is suitable for students aged 3 to adult. Pre-reading content is aimed at improving reading readiness and articulation. Literacy Planet understands that the early childhood years (birth to 5 years) are the time of most rapid cognitive development, where a child's brain is primed for learning. The program provides high-quality play-based exercises aimed at developing a child's visual and auditory perception, alphabet knowledge and letter sound recognition. These essential literacy skills are necessary before a child can begin learning how to read words.

## **Will Literacy Planet improve my child's literacy performance?**

YES. Literacy Planet was written by experienced Australian educators and literacy specialists. When used in conjunction with a formal education program, Literacy Planet will improve a child's literacy outcomes, while boosting their confidence as a learner. Students can work at their own pace or compete against other students in real-time literacy games.

## **Is there enough content to challenge my child?**

YES. There is enough stimulating content in Literacy Planet to keep students actively engaged for years. Students can choose from thousands of literacy exercises in the Academy. Different levels within each literacy skill ensure that students are consistently challenged and can map their progress. Positive reinforcement is used throughout the program to actively encourage students to achieve and 'have another go'. The 'Arcade' also motivates students by appealing to their natural competitive spirit.

## **How does Literacy Planet keep my child interested?**

Literacy Planet is an incentive based program where students earn credit for every exercise completed. Credit points can be used to purchase clothing and accessories for their avatar or used to play cool digital games in the 'Arcade'.

## **Can the program determine my child's literacy ability?**

YES. Diagnostic tests can be used to determine a student's literacy level. A prescribed learning schedule is generated at the completion of the diagnostics to meet their unique learning needs.\* Students are re-tested to ensure they have reached competencies in these literacy skills before they advance to the next level.

## **How can I keep track of my child's progress?**

Parents have access to reports in the 'Admin' section of the program. A report is instantly generated for every exercise completed. Teaching tips are available to help parents understand the nature of the literacy skills tested. Additionally, Literacy Planet alerts parents if their child is experiencing significant difficulty in a particular literacy area. Access to diagnostic graphs and tables also enable parents to 'track' their child's progress over time.

## **Is Literacy Planet safe to use?**

YES. Literacy Planet provides a safe and controlled learning environment where interaction between students is controlled. Students only interact with others using predetermined messages that are designed to foster a spirit of support, encouragement and shared learning. No private details are accessible.

## **Can Literacy Planet help my child prepare for the National Literacy and Numeracy Test (NAPLAN)?**

YES. Literacy Planet can help students prepare for the literacy component of this test as they can practice their reading, writing, spelling, comprehension, punctuation and grammar skills.