

Benefits of Guided Reading

Highfields State School is committed to improving students' reading through quality teaching as reading is fundamental to learning in all subjects.

At our school we explicitly teach reading through:

Modelled reading: the teacher uses text and think aloud language to model decoding and comprehension strategies.

Shared Reading: the teacher and students share in the reading process, applying decoding and comprehension strategies.

Guided Reading: the teacher meets with small flexible groups based on their needs with an explicit focus.

Independent Reading: the students apply reading to make meaning.

While our students are developing their skills through modelled, shared and independent reading our school is specifically focusing on daily guided reading lessons.

The benefits of Guided Reading are:

- It provides a scaffold and sense of purpose to a small group of students, with similar needs allowing for individualized instruction.
- Students read the same text in order to develop comprehension and decoding strategies, fluency, confidence and independence.
- Through guided reading sessions, students focus on improving their personal reading goal through exposure to a range of texts at their instructional level.
- Students are asked prepared specific questions from the text.
- Other students have a focussed independent activity so that the teacher can listen to individual students read and ask questions relating to their specific learning intention.

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