



Small Group Literacy Support Program

What is *The Cracking The ABC Code Program*?

Cracking the ABC Code is an evidence-based multi-sensory program designed to systematically teach literacy skills and give extra help and support to identified students with both reading and spelling. Letters and sounds are linked to a key word, picture, clapping pattern and song or story.

- * direct and explicit teaching of phonics
- * small group support of up to 5 students
- * 3 to 5 times a week
- * linking new to existing knowledge
- * pictorial format
- * using as many senses as possible
- * timing for accuracy and fluency
- * working in a quiet area with trained teachers and support staff



This program helps students to store literacy information in *long term memory* and then be able to quickly and accurately retrieve this information when reading. To assist in this process, the *Cracking the ABC Code* program also incorporates memory strategies and multiple opportunities for our students to rehearse or practise the information.

