



# Unlocking Literacy through PLD (Promoting Literacy Development)

Empowering every student to achieve literacy success.

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# What is PLD?



## Structured Literacy

Covers oral language, phonics, spelling, reading and writing.



## Expert-Developed and Nationally Recognised

Created by speech pathologist Diana Rigg and widely used across Australia.



## Holistic Approach

Integrated learning across key literacy areas.

PLD is a comprehensive, evidence-based literacy program designed to give all students a strong foundation in reading and writing.





# Why PLD? Why Now?



## Whole-School Consistency

Shared language across all classrooms with a unified approach across all year levels.



## Clear Progression and Early Intervention

Students build skills year after year with early intervention and enrichment for all.



## Complements Existing Models

Enhances explicit instruction and inquiry-based learning



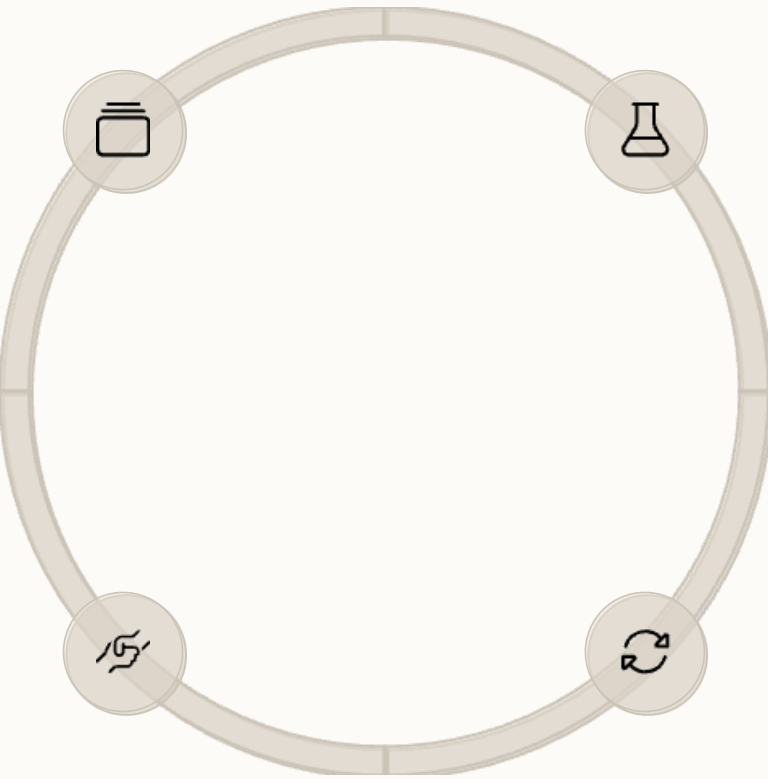
## Family Understanding

Clear ways to support learning at home

# Evidence-Based & Well-Supported

Established  
Used for decades across Australia

Accessible Resources  
Tools for educators and parents



Research-Informed  
Underpinned by peer-reviewed studies

Regularly Updated  
Based on the latest research



# Key Benefits of PLD



## Clear Progression

Identifies mastered skills and next steps.



## Early Identification

Pinpoints areas for intervention and extension.



## Teacher Confidence

Empowers staff with structured instruction.

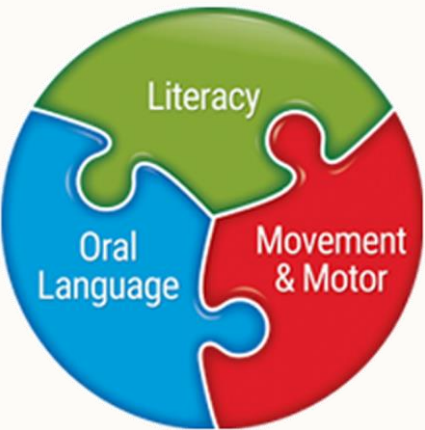


## Family Clarity

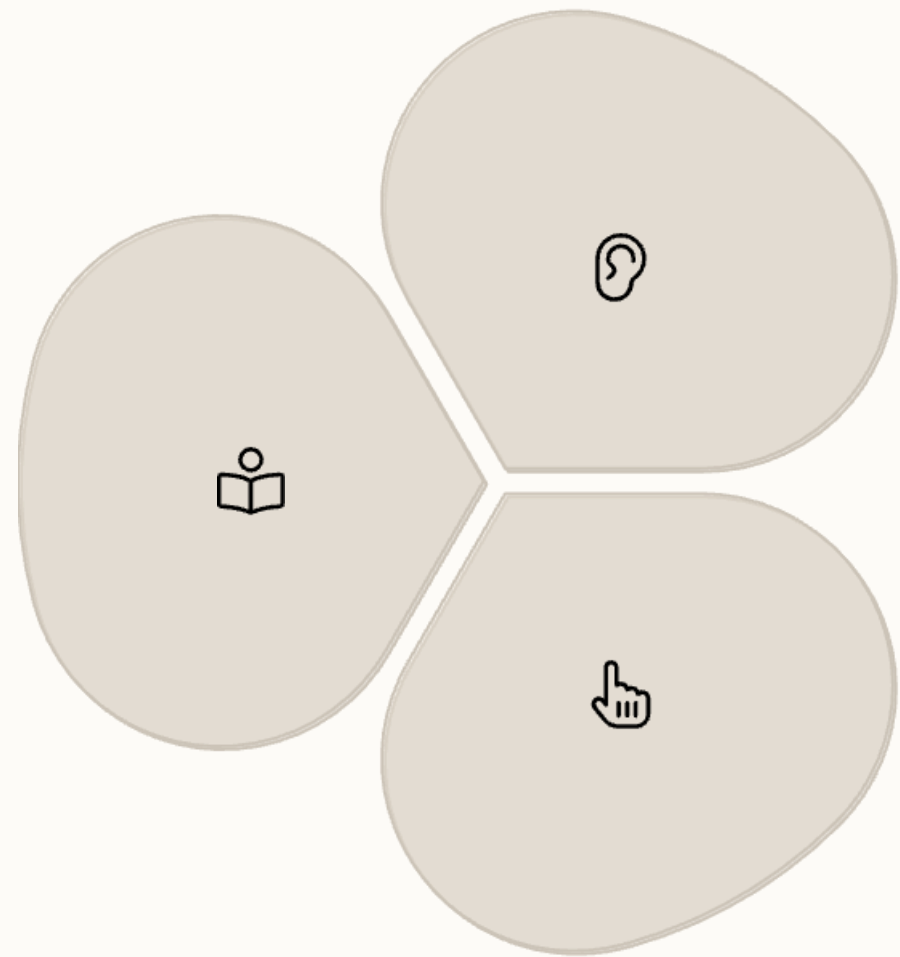
Resources for families and tutors.



# PLD's Holistic Literacy Framework



Literacy  
Reading and spelling accuracy



Oral Language  
Speaking and listening proficiency

Movement & Motor  
Physical coordination for tasks

# Holistic Literacy Approach

1

Speaking  
Clear articulation

2

Listening  
Understanding content

3

Translating  
Into written language

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# Unlocking Literacy: The PLD Approach



## 1 Phoneme-Grapheme Knowledge

Understanding sound-letter relationships

## 2 Systematic Instruction

Phonics taught sequentially

## 3 Daily Practice

Consistent, cumulative learning

## 4 Achieve Automaticity

Effortless reading and spelling

Discover how PLD's comprehensive methodology nurtures your child's literacy development, focusing on three essential pillars for confident readers and writers.





# The Power of Oral Language



## **Word Knowledge**

Expanding vocabulary

## **Sentence Structure**

Mastering grammar

## **Language Comprehension**

Understanding meaning

## **Structured Thinking**

Organising thoughts clearly

# The Power of Oral Language



## Oral Language

Speaking, listening,  
comprehension



## Phonics

Sound-letter  
relationships



## Word Knowledge

Expanding vocabulary



## Writing

Expressing and  
organising thoughts  
clearly



## Spelling

Accurate word  
construction



## Language Comprehension

Understanding meaning





# Movement & Motor Skills



Pencil Grasp

Correct grip for writing



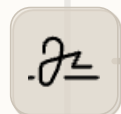
Fine Motor Skills

Precision for cutting, drawing



Letter Formation

Accurate letter shapes



Handwriting Proficiency

Legible and fluent writing





# Differentiation with PLD

## Individualised Learning

Teach to each student's instructional level

## Extension Tasks

Extension tasks for high-achieving students.

## Targeted Support

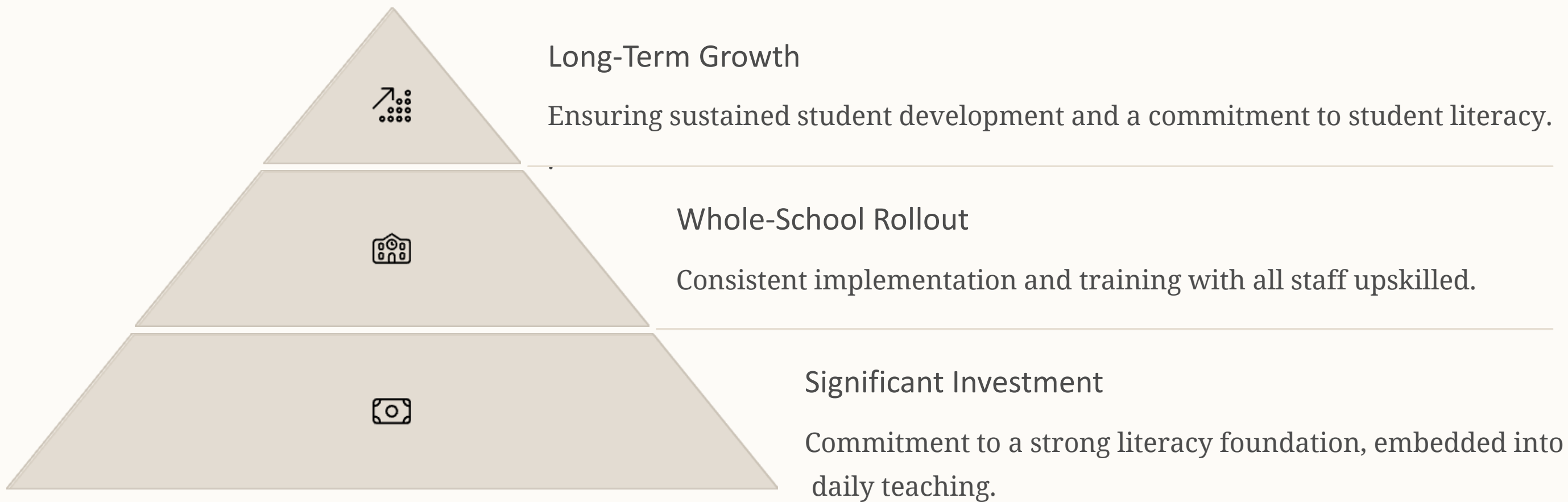
For developing foundational skills.

## Beyond the Program

Higher-order comprehension and writing



# A Worthwhile Investment



Ironside State School believes this investment is crucial for our students' academic success and future.

# Parent Resources



## Helpful Videos

Visual guides for phonics and spelling.



## Practical Tips

Easy ways to support at home.



## Downloadable Guides

Resources for oral language practice.

Access the PLD Parent Education section:

<https://pld-literacy.org/parent-education-resources>



# Tutor Resources



## Align Approaches

Ensures consistent language and strategies.

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## Reinforce Learning

Strengthens school-based progress.

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## Accelerate Progress

Boosts child's literacy development.

Share this with your child's tutor: <https://pld-literacy.org/tutors-presenting-pld-programs/>

# Thank You & Questions

PLD offers a shared language, proven structure, and high support for literacy.

1

Shared Language

2

Proven Structure

3

High Support

We welcome your questions and look forward to the long-term benefits for our students.

