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Family**

Learn today, change tomorrow.

Learning for Life

**Learning programs for
primary school children**



Program Guidebook – March 2025

Creating brighter tomorrows

Welcome to the *Learning for Life* program guidebook. Taking part in our programs is an exciting journey for your family. Here, you'll find an overview of the fantastic opportunities and programs available to support your child's ongoing learning and success at school and beyond.

Our program availability does depend on the community you live in and school your child attends.

We understand that success at school is about so much more than what happens in the classroom.

That's why *Learning for Life* focuses on supporting your child and partnering with your family. We also work with schools, local community services, and community and cultural leaders.

We want to help solve problems together and connect you to the right services when you decide that's what your family needs. Our range of learning and mentoring support programs help your child build skills, knowledge, motivation, self-belief and positive relationships.

This support can help your child stay engaged with school and develop rewarding career pathways for life after school.

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Learning Clubs

Year K-6
students



Your child will attend an out-of-school hours learning club, designed to offer your child extra learning support that will have a positive effect in their everyday school life.

What do Learning Clubs involve?

Your child will attend a one-hour session per week for 18 weeks or more outside school hours, either at school or a local community venue. Learning Clubs are supported by tutors.

Learning Clubs provide:

- ✓ Activities that support school-based learning
- ✓ Support with a specific skill set or homework
- ✓ Support with test or exam preparation
- ✓ Confidence building to participate more fully in their school-based learning

*"It has made school easier.
It has improved my results in most
subjects."*



**– Learning Club
participant**

*"I like coming because I can
come, access a Laptop, get help
and get my work done."*

**– Ben,
Learning Club
participant**



Career Activities

Year 3–6
students



Career Activities are designed to support your child as they start to learn about the world of work.

What do Career Activities involve?

Career Activities can take place at school or in the community. Each activity is designed to introduce primary school children to the world of work and to start providing them with the information they will need once they start considering their post-school future.

Did you know?

Young people who can recall four or more structured career activities across their school life are five times less likely to be unemployed or disengaged from education or training as a young adult.*



student2student

Year 3–6
students



Our student2student program matches students who have reading difficulties with an older student buddy who helps and encourages them with their reading.

What does student2student involve?

Your child and buddy receive a login for an online library, Chatty Kids. Their reading buddy contacts your child via Chatty Kids two or three times a week for at least 20 minutes, over 18 weeks. Your child reads to their buddy, who uses the skills learnt in training to assist them with their reading and offers encouragement and praise. Their buddy keeps a simple record of each phone call and reports progress to a volunteer supervisor fortnightly.

Who is eligible?

- Year 3 and 4 students up to 2 years behind in reading
- Year 5 and 6 students up to 4 years behind in reading

Your child can apply in Term 1 of the school year.

"It was good reading to someone that I didn't know because they didn't judge me when I made mistakes."

– student2student participant

"The best part about being involved with student2student [is] knowing that I was helping my buddy, not just in school but for the rest of her life."

– student2student buddy



Future Seekers

Year 5-6
students



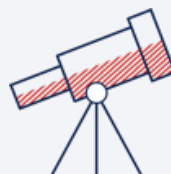
Future Seekers is an interactive program that introduces your child to the world of work. It provides them with information and tools so they can start thinking about their post-school futures.

What does Future Seekers involve?

Your child will attend five to six one-hour sessions during school hours. In these sessions, they'll explore their skills and interests in a fun, imaginative and interactive setting. The program is run by a trained facilitator.

"I've learnt about careers I didn't even know existed. I didn't realise how many opportunities were out there that I can take."

**– Talon,
Future Seekers
participant**





Kidpreneur Ninjas Academy

Year 5-6
students



The Kidpreneur Ninjas Academy is a program that introduces students to business and finance skills. It helps young people learn and build the critical skills they'll need in the future world, while beginning to explore different career pathways available to them.

What does Kidpreneur Ninjas Academy involve?

This is a teacher-led program, where your child will complete a project to build their own micro-business.

Children attend sessions at school during school hours, working in teams to complete 10 activities. They will create, make, and sell their own products or services at a market or showcase day.

Entrepreneurship is a powerful way for your child to develop important hard and soft skills for the future*:

- ✓ Problem-solving
- ✓ Creativity and critical thinking
- ✓ Digital literacy
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Confidence and resilience



Passport to Success

Year 6
students



Our Passport to Success program prepares your child for the important and big move from primary school to high school. It equips them with the skills and knowledge for life at high school.

Your child can also ask questions and hear from a secondary student about their high school experience. The program is run by a trained facilitator.

What does Passport to Success involve?

Over six one-hour sessions during school hours, your child will learn skills to assist with the increased workload at high school, like:

- ✓ Time management
- ✓ Planning
- ✓ Goal setting
- ✓ Motivation to engage with learning
- ✓ What to expect in high school

"I like how they tell us what we have to know to get ready for next year and gives me a lot of information about high school."

– Year 6 student

"It has helped me try to make a routine and has made me more confident about high school."

– Year 6 student



Programs for parents and carers

Saver Plus

18 years old
and above



Saver Plus is a 10-month financial education support and matched savings program. It's delivered in partnership with ANZ, to help families on a tight budget manage their money and develop long-term saving habits.

Participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings when they complete the program, which can be used for educational costs such as computers and tablets, textbooks, and uniforms.

Who can join Saver Plus?

To join the Saver Plus program, you must:

- ✓ Have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and an eligible* Centrelink payment
- ✓ Be at least 18 years old
- ✓ Have some regular income from work* (yourself or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work or child support
- ✓ Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself

How Saver Plus works

1. Goal setting: Set a savings goal with your delegated Savings Coach for your education-related item(s).
2. Saving: Open an ANZ Progress Saver account and save regularly over 10 months.
3. Education: Complete our virtual MoneyMinded financial education workshops.
4. Matching: Reach your savings goals and have your savings matched up to \$500.

"If it had not been for Saver Plus, my kids would have gone months without school. Thanks to my savings, I got two laptops and one tablet. I still had \$200 left for food. It's just a brilliant program and I've been letting everyone know about it!"



**– Cassie,
Saver Plus
participant**

**To apply please call 1300 610 355
or [click here](#)**

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible. Get in touch with your Saver Plus Coordinator for more information.



Let's Count Parent Tool

Parents of children
aged 3–5



The *Let's Count* Parent Tool provides parents and carers with everyday activity ideas to introduce their child to maths.

Who can use the *Let's Count* Parent Tool?

The *Let's Count* Parent Tool is for parents and carers with a child aged 3 to 5 years old.

Did you know?

By nurturing your child's learning at home and in the everyday you are helping your child form a positive attitude about learning and an interest in discovery that will aide them in later academic achievement.

What does the *Let's Count* Parent Tool involve?

The *Let's Count* Parent Tool is designed to share everyday activities with you, so you can support your child's maths learning. For example, showing your child how to count the change and weigh the fruit while you're out shopping. These activities help children notice, explore and talk about maths in the everyday.

To access the *Let's Count* Parent Tool search for 'Let's Count Bot' in Facebook Messenger or [click here](#).

Interested in joining a *Learning for Life* program?

Our teams are always here to help.

We want your child to get the most out of *Learning for Life* and the great opportunities it offers.

If you'd like to know more about any of our *Learning for Life* programs or how to join, chat to your Family Partnership Coordinator.

We can't wait to see what your child will achieve.



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