

Learning Clubs



What we know.

Research tells us that offering learning opportunities outside of school hours is one way to improve the learning success of students and positively influence educational and personal outcomes.

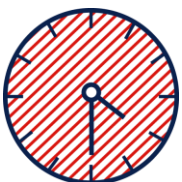
Students from low socio-economic backgrounds are more likely to be disadvantaged in the education system, which can result in poor educational outcomes.



What are Learning Clubs?

Learning Clubs provide a safe and supportive out-of-school learning environment where primary or secondary students can participate in activities that develop their academic and social skills. Clubs usually run for at least 2 terms, and children attend once a week at no cost.

Through regular attendance at our Learning Clubs, students are able to enhance their learning and development skills. Local volunteer tutors are recruited and trained to have appropriate skills and knowledge to support Club activities. Our Learning Clubs may differ across the country according to each community's identified needs and where the community is located. For example, some clubs provide homework support, operate after school hours, and are located on school campus. Other Clubs are delivered as a community model, operating from a local community venue, with a literacy, numeracy or STEM focus.



How do Learning Clubs Help?

Learning Clubs aim to increase student engagement with learning by increasing students' self-confidence and confidence in their schoolwork. We believe this is important in motivating a child to stay in school and complete Year 12. 66.5% of teachers reported an improvement in students' engagement in school after attending a Learning Club regularly.

1. Three Towers Learning Club Report, 2012



"Even though my child has always been good with her homework she is now more into it and shows more initiative since she started attending".

Parent of Learning Club student.

"When I first started to read at school, my reading was very horrible. One of the teachers wanted all the Grade 4's to read and I was only up to Level 1. Now I've practiced more and I'm up to Level 19. The Smith Family's Learning Club helped me a lot. I feel a lot more confident with reading and a whole lot more confident to be with somebody I don't know."

Learning Club student.

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