

InitialLit (Prep)

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What are the benefits of InitialLit–F?

All children need to be taught to read well. InitialLit encompasses all the key elements of good reading, spelling and vocabulary instruction. The approach that InitialLit takes is based on over 30 years of research into how we learn to read and spell. InitialLit allows teachers to focus on the children themselves rather than constructing content. Many development hours have been spent on ensuring that the program is thorough, explicit and engaging.

The release of InitialLit marks a departure from remedial literacy education for MultiLit, instead addressing initial instruction in the hope that by providing strong foundations in reading and writing from the outset, fewer children will fall behind and require more intensive intervention.

In the context of a Response to Intervention framework, InitialLit is a Tier 1 program, designed to be delivered to whole classes by classroom teachers.

Implemented across four terms, InitialLit–Foundation (InitialLit–F) offers an explicit and effective model for teaching reading and related skills to children in their first year of school in a fun and engaging way.

InitialLit–F focuses on two main components:

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1. **Phonics**, to systematically and explicitly teach the basic alphabetic code in a set sequence. In addition to learning letter-sound correspondences and how these are applied to reading and spelling, children will be introduced to common morphemes and simple grammatical concepts.
2. **Vocabulary, oral language and listening comprehension** through quality children's literature. Detailed lessons, including writing tasks, are provided for each of the storybook titles selected for use with the program.

More information on InitialLit-F

- [InitialLit-F: Program Factsheet](#)
- [InitialLit-F: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [InitialLit-F: Curriculum links with ACARA and NESA](#)
- [InitialLit-F: Research Summary](#)

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