

COVID Intensive Learning Support Program

Information for parents and carers

About the COVID Intensive Learning Support Program

The COVID Intensive Learning Support Program (CILSP) provides small group tuition for students who need it most across NSW primary, secondary and specialist schools.

The program is a joint effort between the NSW Department of Education, Catholic Schools NSW and the Association of Independent Schools of NSW.

This program was introduced to help students whose learning had been affected by extended periods of learning from home primarily because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program focuses on literacy and numeracy.

Each school develops its own program based on the needs of their students and manages the program employing specially trained teachers and other educators such as university lecturers and preschool teachers. These small group lessons can be held before or after school or during school hours.

How the program works

Through the COVID intensive learning support program, schools are provided with funding to employ additional educators who deliver small group tuition for students.

In conjunction with the school principal and using a variety of assessments, the classroom teacher determines which children would benefit from small group tuition.

Each child's inclusion in the program is then discussed with their parents or carers and a teaching plan is developed. The child's progress is regularly checked and contact with parents and carers is maintained.

Key features of the program

- Students in every NSW Government school have been supported by the program. In 2021 a total of 265,000 students were supported.
- Small group tuition is provided by additional educators – including casual and temporary teachers, retired teachers, and student teachers. The additional teachers work closely with classroom teachers to make sure the tuition is targeted to the students' needs.
- The tuition focuses on literacy and numeracy.
- A team of specialist educators and administrators supports and guides schools in implementing the program...
- Small group tuition involves supplementary teaching and learning support for groups of 2-5 students. Students are taught consistently for a predetermined amount of time with the intention to reinforce classroom instruction.



The COVID Intensive Learning Support Program and your child

Your child's teacher will be in contact with you, if they feel the program would benefit your child. If you wish to know more visit the [COVID Intensive Learning Support Program webpage](#). If you require further information, discuss this program with your child's teacher.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.