



# Program Profile

<b>Program name</b>	Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY)
<b>Location/s</b>	Doomadgee
<b>Client group</b>	Parents and Children aged 3-5
<b>Internal stakeholders</b>	Team Leader, Senior Practitioners, Hippy Tutors
<b>External stakeholders</b>	Doomadgee School, Brother Hood of St Laurence (Donor), Doomadgee Long Day Care Centre
<b>Program or project description</b>	<p>Provide support to families to improve school readiness and early literacy through home tuition for children 4 and 5 years.</p> <p>Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a two-year home-based early childhood enrichment program for families with a 3-5-year-old child. HIPPY builds the confidence and skills of parents and carers to create a positive learning environment to prepare their child for school. HIPPY is delivered through a mix of home visits and parent groups.</p> <p>HIPPY empowers families to be their child's first teacher. Families receive free activity packs and storybooks. A trained Home Tutor helps parents and carers to complete the activities. The Program is managed by a HIPPY Coordinator and Home Tutors. The benefits to children are that the program encourages a love of learning; prepares children for school; promotes language and listening, builds self-esteem and confidence and increases positive experiences at school.</p> <p>The benefits to parents are the program supports families create a learning environment at home; increases knowledge of how children learn; and allows families to enjoy fun, learning time with children.</p>
<b>Additional information</b>	Managed through a sub-licence with the Brotherhood of St Laurence and funded until 2025