

Literacy

Our goal: Identify and reduce learning gaps, improve student engagement, and ensure every child builds strong literacy skills.

We want all students to develop strong reading and writing skills while staying engaged in their learning. To support this, we are:

- Providing a structured daily literacy session in Reception-Year 2 to build essential skills.
- Using a clear and consistent approach to teaching spelling and phonics.
- Regularly checking students' progress to identify and support those who need extra help.
- Using decodable books to help early readers gain confidence.
- Offering extra small-group support in every class.
- Adjusting Year 1/2 groupings based on student needs to improve focus and learning.
- Ensuring our teachers continue learning and improving their teaching strategies.

Effective Teaching

At Reynella Primary School, we understand that effective teaching balances explicit instruction and inquiry-based learning, ensuring students develop core skills before applying them in real-world contexts. We use each approach strategically to support student learning.

Effective Learners

An effective learner at Reynella Primary School is curious, creative, and resilient. They embrace challenges with confidence, keep trying when things are hard and always do their best. Over time, they develop the skills to stay organised, manage their learning and adapt to new situations. Motivated and supportive of others, they take responsibility for their learning and contribute to a positive learning environment.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our goal: A predictable, supportive environment where students feel safe, take responsibility, and make positive behaviour choices.

We want every student to feel safe, respected, and responsible for their actions. To support this, we are:

- Setting clear and consistent behaviour expectations using positive language.
- Helping students take responsibility for their choices and learn from mistakes.
- Focusing on key behaviour skills each week and term.
- Using a clear and fair approach to managing behaviour.
- Supporting students in problem-solving and making better choices.
- Teaching resilience and self-control through the Grow Your Mind program.
- Encouraging students to pause and think before responding to challenges.
- Providing ongoing training for staff to strengthen our approach.