

Investing for Success

Under this agreement for 2021

Daradgee Environmental Education Centre will receive

\$5 633

This funding will be used to

Instruction: Use this space to state what you expect from your improvement initiatives.

- State the student-focused improvement objective for each initiative, and include short-, medium- or long-term measures.
- Ensure these align with your School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan.
 - Progress the development of the Daradgee Environmental Education Centre's Year 6 Writers & Illustrators Program as a priority regional literacy extension program supporting the #WEITs Gifted Strategy.
 - Review and upgrade all areas of the program through the Inquiry Cycle – reassess curriculum alignment, pedagogy of authors/illustrators and mentor teachers and maintaining high quality mentor teacher PD opportunities.
 - Subsequently upgrade the pre camp preparation task process to support students, teachers and parents preparation and research prior to attending a 4 day residential program at the Daradgee Environmental Education Centre.
 - Work with PATAL and school leaders to progress the programs ACARA English, HASS, and The Arts alignment, develop Unit Plans and Marking Guides, Expand on the 2020 initiative to professionally develop teachers prior to/during the W&I camp and to support the evaluation of students completed picture book and portfolio by mentor teachers/class teacher.
 - Focus on improvement targets including student and mentor teacher responses to enrichment of research, planning, text/vocabulary/illustration development, editing and publishing.

Our initiatives include

- Take up of our region wide inclusive invitation to all state schools with promotion of a highly structured, curriculum focussed, community linked literacy program.
- Access of web published EOI process, pre camp preparation tasks, family history research/interviews, reading lists etc.
- Updates following variations to previous programs experienced through remote delivery of 2020 COVID 19 affected program - author/illustrators creating better pre camp - 'How To' instructional and editing workshops, 'You Tube' presentations etc. to better support students, families and teachers
- Work with schools to develop class/small school wide units focusing on the Writers & Illustrators Camp Program.
- Progress on 2020 Introduction of Marking Guides and PATAL led teacher professional development with the aim of providing the opportunity for schools to undertake class wide unit.
- Progress on from the 2020 ACARA alignment of the student & mentor teacher book evaluation process.
- Post camp review feedback and data provided by author/illustrators, schools, students, mentor teachers and regional office.
- Building on 2019/2020 Review Data & Selection Criteria & Process renewal of commitment to project aims – 100% of books published, evaluated, scanned and submitted to Daradgee by end of Term 3.



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Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Supporting the extension of student's literacy skills through direct workshoping with renowned Australian Authors/ Illustrators Elizabeth Honey and Craig Smith in the genre of writing and illustrating of a children's picture book. Following on from COVID 19 affected 2020 this should return to pre COVID levels of approx. 70 students from 20 State Schools from Far Northern Region.
- Better support schools with current curriculum planning and modelling of unit and marking guide development.
- The \$5 633 grant will be used to partially offset the considerable time required to review, plan and implement the program - up to 40 teaching days for planning and preparation based on 2014 to 2020 programs.
- Supporting the overall budget management with the specific goal of providing affordable high quality extension programs to year 6 State School students and their families.



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