

A little more about HIPPY

- HIPPY is designed to be enjoyable for parents/carers, children and the family.
- Families start HIPPY when their child enters kindergarten (usually 4 yrs old) and continues until their child completes pre primary.
- A trained HIPPY tutor makes fortnightly visits to the home or community location to demonstrate the activities to parents or carers.
- HIPPY tutors are parents who are doing the program with their own child.
- Parents/Carers do our fun activities with their child.
- HIPPY provides an invitation to community events and regular Group Meetings.
- HIPPY provides training and learning opportunities.



HIPPY Geraldton is available to families who:

- ✓ Live in the Geraldton area
- ✓ Have a child attending kindergarten in 2017
- ✓ Would like their child to be ready for school
- ✓ Would like to understand how their child learns
- ✓ Would like to meet new people in the Geraldton community

**For more information about HIPPY or to enrol please contact:
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About Child Australia

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Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters



- HIPPY is a FREE two year early learning program
- HIPPY empowers parents and carers to be their child's first teacher
- HIPPY helps children make a successful transition to school and beyond
- HIPPY is fun!



The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Social Services. The Brotherhood of St Laurence holds the licence to operate HIPPY in Australia.



What is HIPPY?

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a two-year, home-based early childhood learning and parenting program that empowers parents and carers as their child's first teacher.

HIPPY is free

HIPPY links learning at home with learning at school

HIPPY helps children make a successful transition to school and beyond

In the first year of HIPPY, families learn skills to get their children ready for school.

In the second year, parents and carers learn more about supporting their children's learning and development at school and at home.

Families spend 10 to 15 minutes a day doing educational activities with their children.

A trained HIPPY Tutor meets with the family regularly to practice HIPPY activities.

HIPPY families receive a HIPPY box, craft supplies, story books, activity packs and resources to share.



Benefits for children:

- Encourages a love of learning
- Prepares children for school by developing skills and concentration
- Promotes language and listening
- Builds self esteem and confidence
- Increases the chance of a successful school experience



Benefits for families:

- Helps you as your child's first teacher
- Helps children to be ready for school
- Builds self-esteem, confidence and skills
- Parents and carers have fun learning with their child
- Strengthens links to your community

HIPPY is supported by research that shows children's most powerful learning comes from their family, and getting a stronger start at school sets children up for life.

