



Early Learning Program

The BHP Pilbara Education Partnership Early Years strategy focuses on a strong, community-based approach to make sure all students start school well prepared.



Supporting children aged

0 - 4 years

We ensure every child is supported to reach their developmental milestones before school through an enriched caregiving environment that celebrates individuality and inspires learning through play.

Our Schools

Through the BHP Pilbara Education Partnership, the Early Years Program has been successfully implemented across six primary schools in the region, including:

- Baler Primary School
- Cassia Primary School
- Cassia Education Support Centre - delivered at Cassia Primary School
- Port Hedland School of the Air
- Port Hedland Primary School
- Newman Primary School
- Onslow School



Our Objectives

Educate parents and caregivers about childhood milestones and supporting their children to further develop these.

Improve the level of early intervention and provide support to children who are recognised as developmentally vulnerable.

Increase the frequency and depth of developmental assessments of children in the early years.

Provide a play-based environment for children to discover, make inquiries and learn through play.

Increase parent and caregiver awareness of developmental services available to their children and increase the participation of those services.

Increase participation rates in early learning programs and children's readiness for school.

Enhance the personal, social, and academic achievements of young children using the Abecedarian Approach, also known as 3a.

Our 3a Approach

The key elements of the 3a Approach:

- **Conversational Reading**
- **Enriched Caregiving**
- **Learning Games**

The '3a approach', also known as the Abecedarian Approach Australia (3a), is a set of evidence-based teaching and learning strategies for early childhood educators and parents to enhance children's development and learning from birth to five years.

It focuses on enriching interactions, particularly through conversational reading and enriched caregiving, to support cognitive, social, and emotional development.



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