

Logan Together Foundation Roadmap –Project scoping

Project title: Effective Age Appropriate Pedagogy (*Resolve the role of play in the P-2 curriculum*)

Strategic or Chapter-based project: Education Chapter

Short description:

The research literature is very clear that age-appropriate pedagogies are necessary in the early years of schooling to engage young learners, achieve effective learning outcomes, and set children up for long-term success. It is acknowledged that selecting and utilising age-appropriate pedagogies that respond to the range of children, cultures, communities, ages and developmental levels, subjects, skills and knowledges that teachers face every day is complex but essential. The Department of Education, Training and Employment has partnered with Griffith University to conduct a pilot study in a limited number of schools across Queensland.

“The Advancing Education Plan” outlines the Department’s commitment to supporting age-appropriate learning in Prep in state schools to help ensure a confident start to learning.

In 2015 the Age Appropriate Pedagogies Pilot was conducted in three regions with schools applying age appropriate pedagogies in Prep. Building on this initiative, a state-wide program will be conducted in 2016 which will include schools from each of the seven regions. South East Region has 7 schools participating in the study. Two of these schools are in Logan.

Project details:

With targeted support from DET and the University team, schools will gain the knowledge and skills to be leaders in implementing effective approaches to learning and teaching in the early years. Support through professional learning opportunities, mentoring and critical reflection will see school teams confidently utilising an extended repertoire of teaching practices to engage Prep students as active participants in achieving desired learning outcomes.

Schools will then share their learning with neighbouring schools.

Data and scale:

Two schools have elected to commence the trial.

- Crestmead State School which has approximately 190 prep students enrolled.
- Greenbank State School which has approximately 153 prep students enrolled

Approximately prep 350 students will be involved in the 2016 pilot in Logan.

Potential upscaling will occur in 2017.

Partners:

DET and Griffith University will support schools in the roll out.

Co-design:

This is a state-wide project which is designed with Griffith University and the Division of Early Childhood Education and Care.