

YEAR 1

Writing & Literacy Program Guide

A structured curriculum that builds the foundational skills your child needs to become a confident writer and communicator.

Australian Curriculum Aligned • Structured Literacy Development
Proprietary Curriculum Books • Personalised Feedback

The Writing Club — Sydney's Writing Specialists

A Curriculum Built for Strong Foundations

Every Year 1 student receives two structured curriculum books designed to develop vocabulary, grammar, writing fluency and literacy skills aligned with the Australian Curriculum.

Confident Communicator Vocabulary & Fluency	Skill Mastery Grammar & Test-Style Practice
• Vocabulary development • Figurative language • Journal writing • Creative thinking • Communication & fluency	• Grammar & sentence structure • Punctuation & spelling • Text type based on reading comprehension • Language conventions • Test-style literacy activities

Year 1 Learning Journey

A year-long roadmap that builds skills progressively across four terms.

TERM 1 — Foundations of Written Communication

Students are introduced to the fundamental building blocks of literacy through structured instruction and guided practice.

Focus Areas: Vocabulary acquisition and application, Sentence construction, Capital letters and punctuation, Oral language development, Reading comprehension strategies, Narrative sentence formation, Visual literacy, Descriptive language, Sequencing ideas, Guided journal writing.

Text Types: Personal recounts, Simple narratives, Sentence responses.

TERM 2 — Information & Expression

Students learn how information is organised and communicated through a variety of written forms.

Focus Areas: Topic vocabulary development, Grammar conventions, Paragraph construction, Reading comprehension, Question interpretation, Figurative language introduction, Descriptive vocabulary, Oral presentations.

Text Types: Information reports, Recounts, Descriptions.

TERM 3 — Persuasion & Language Choice

Students begin exploring audience, purpose and language techniques.

Focus Areas: Persuasive language, Vocabulary expansion, Grammar and editing skills, Sentence fluency, Reading for meaning, Text analysis, Figurative language, Oral communication.

Text Types: Persuasive texts, Opinion writing, Discussions.

TERM 4 — Creative & Independent Writing

Students consolidate their learning and apply skills independently across a variety of writing contexts.

Focus Areas: Creative thinking, Vocabulary application, Editing and proofreading, Reading comprehension, Language features, Writing fluency, Reflection and self-assessment.

Text Types: Narrative writing, Imaginative texts, Mixed text responses.

Core Skills Students Develop

Vocabulary Development Build academic vocabulary and apply words confidently in writing and speaking.	Reading Comprehension Develop literal, inferential and evaluative comprehension across different texts.
Writing Craft Create well-structured sentences and develop ideas with clarity and creativity.	Grammar & Language Strengthen sentence structure, grammar and language conventions.
Communication Skills Build confidence in speaking, listening and presenting ideas clearly.	Text Knowledge Explore a variety of text types and understand their purpose and structure.

Is My Child Ready for Year 1 Writing?

A practical guide to help parents understand Year 1 writing milestones, what to expect, and how to support learning at home.

- Writing milestones checklist
- Vocabulary & reading expectations
- Practical home learning tips

Not Sure Where Your Child Currently Stands?

Book a complimentary assessment valued at \$150 and receive personalised feedback on your child's literacy development.

45–60 minute assessment	Detailed learning report	Personalised learning plan
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About The Writing Club

Sydney's writing specialists. Small-group classes led by qualified teachers at Castle Hill and Thornleigh.

Programs: NAPLAN & Scholarship, Selective School, Advanced Writing, High School Writing, Year 9 Writing, School Holiday Programs, Online Workshops, Free Live Webinar

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