

YEAR 3

Writing & Literacy Program Guide

Building confident writers through vocabulary, grammar, comprehension and academic writing, aligned with the Australian Curriculum and preparing students for NAPLAN and Selective School pathways.

Australian Curriculum Aligned • NAPLAN Readiness Focus
Structured Literacy Development • Vocabulary, Grammar and Text Types
Proprietary Curriculum Resources

The Writing Club — Sydney's Writing Specialists

Curriculum Resources Included

Every Year 3 student receives two comprehensive resources to build strong literacy skills and prepare for academic success.

Confident Communicator Academic Vocabulary & Expression	Skill Mastery Grammar & NAPLAN-Style Practice
• Academic vocabulary • Figurative language • Writing fluency • Journal writing • Creative thinking • Oral communication	• Grammar and language conventions • Narrative development • Text types • NAPLAN-style literacy tasks • Paragraph construction • Editing and proofreading • Assessment preparation

Year 3 Learning Journey

A year-long literacy program designed to build confidence, strengthen skills and prepare for NAPLAN.

TERM 1 — Narrative Writing & NAPLAN Foundations

Students develop an understanding of narrative structure while building the literacy skills required for formal writing assessments.

Focus Areas: NAPLAN writing awareness, Narrative structure, Orientation development, Vocabulary enrichment, Reading comprehension strategies, Sentence variety, Paragraph construction, Cohesion and sequencing, Character development, Setting construction.

Text Types: Narratives, Recounts, Journal responses.

TERM 2 — Logic, Clarity & Explanation

Students learn to communicate ideas clearly through explanation and procedural writing while strengthening reasoning and paragraph control.

Focus Areas: Explanatory writing, Procedural writing, Technical vocabulary, Causal connectives, Reading for information, Paragraph cohesion, Complex sentence structures, Grammar conventions, Information organisation.

Text Types: Explanations, Advanced Procedures.

TERM 3 — Information & Viewpoint

Students develop analytical thinking and learn how to communicate information objectively while exploring multiple perspectives.

Focus Areas: Information gathering, Research skills, Formal language, Comparing viewpoints, Reading comprehension, Topic sentences, Objective tone, Paragraph development, Analytical thinking.

Text Types: Information Reports, Discussions.

TERM 4 — Argument & Writer's Voice

Students develop persuasive communication skills while strengthening creative expression and writing sophistication.

Focus Areas: Persuasive techniques, Modality, Rhetorical devices, Narrative craft, Editing for effect, Vocabulary precision, Author's purpose, Audience awareness, Writing fluency.

Text Types: Persuasive Writing, Craft-Focused Narratives.

Core Skills Developed

Vocabulary Development Academic vocabulary, word choice and precise language application.	Reading Comprehension Literal, inferential and evaluative comprehension strategies.
Narrative Writing Characterisation, setting, tension, structure and narrative craft.	Grammar & Language Conventions Sentence control, punctuation, spelling and editing.
Information & Analytical Writing Research, organisation and formal written communication.	Test-Taking & Assessment Skills Time management, planning, question interpretation and written responses.

NAPLAN Ready: Year 3 & NAPLAN Success

Year 3 is the first year students sit NAPLAN. Our program develops the literacy foundations required for success across: Writing, Reading, Language Conventions, Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, and Extended Responses.

YEAR 3 LEARNING Build Strong Foundations	NAPLAN CONFIDENCE Apply Skills with Confidence	STAGE 2 SUCCESS Achieve Academic Excellence	SELECTIVE PATHWAY READINESS Prepare for Future Opportunities
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Sample Learning Materials

Explore examples from our curriculum and see learning in action.

- **Confident Communicator Pages** — Vocabulary & expression journal
- **Skill Mastery Pages** — Grammar & language conventions
- **NAPLAN Writing Samples** — Assessment-style writing tasks
- **Teacher Feedback Examples** — Personalised marking & guidance

Year 3 NAPLAN Success Guide

A practical guide for parents to support their child's learning and prepare confidently for NAPLAN.

- Understanding NAPLAN Writing
- Reading Comprehension Strategies
- Vocabulary Checklist
- Common Writing Mistakes
- High-Band Writing Features
- Preparing for Selective Pathways

About The Writing Club

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

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