

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a home-based, early learning and parenting program that empowers you to be your child's first teacher and supports your child's transition to school. Join thousands of families doing HIPPY across Australia. You will receive free resources, activity packs and storybooks to assist you in actively playing and learning with your child.

We hope that you enjoy working with your Tutor, meeting other HIPPY families and doing HIPPY with your child.

Your HIPPY Coordinator is:

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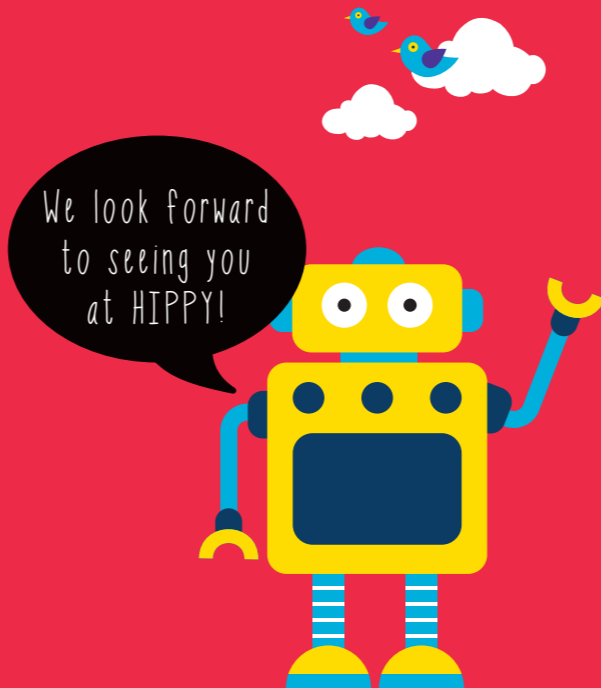
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WHAT DOES HIPPY LOOK LIKE?

HIPPY comprises a curriculum of activity packs over two years. Your HIPPY Tutor will practice the activities with you using role play in a weekly home visit in Age 4 and a fortnightly visit in Age 5. Each pack has five activities for you to do with your child as well as ideas so that learning can happen everywhere at any time. The packs support your child's learning in the following areas: Thinking and exploring; Communication; Creativity; Social and emotional; Family and community.



WHAT IS A HIPPY TUTOR?

Tutors are parents who are also doing HIPPY with their child or have recently graduated from HIPPY. Your HIPPY Tutor is trained in the HIPPY activities and will practice the activities with you at each home visit. Your HIPPY child does not have to be there when the Tutor comes. You can meet your Tutor at home or somewhere else, like a park or a library. After this, you do the activities with your child.



YOU WILL ALSO ATTEND REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

Group meetings give parents a chance to learn more about their children's development and behaviour; and to find out about local services, schools, and free local activities. Parents can also participate in training and short courses for FREE. You'll meet new families and make friends and there is usually good food and coffee, you can relax and chat while your children play supervised with other HIPPY children. The best part is recent research has found that families' participation at group meetings improves children's school readiness.

