

Links to ACARA

Reading Our Way supports the literacy focus in the curriculums of ACARA (Australian Curriculum and Assessment Reporting Authority) and BOSTES (Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW).

ACARA states that through English, individuals learn to analyse, understand, communicate with and build relationships with others and with the world around them.

Reading Our Way supports the reader to engage with language and word structures, letters and familiar words that are prevalent in the world around them. The program gives students the opportunity to begin their learning successfully by visually engaging with words and putting them into context through scaffolded activities that can be used in conjunction with phonics and other literacy techniques.

As Australia is a linguistically and culturally diverse country, the *Reading Our Way* program aims to give learners who may find phonetic learning of words difficult, other options to approach reading.

The *Reading Our Way* program compliments ACARA through the 'literacy' strand by:

- *Assisting with word recognition in familiar texts and contexts in their day (ACELY1645) 'Identify familiar texts and contexts in which they are used.'*
- *Assists with the use of familiar words and adapting and combining them to create sentences and stories (ACELT1618) 'Create literary texts that adapt or combine aspects of texts students have experienced in innovative ways'.*
- *Gives the added support in word learning that can occur with phonetic decoding using the Sub strand 'Reading Processes'- interpreting, analysing and evaluating.*