



INDIGENOUS READING PROJECT

About Us

Indigenous Reading Project is an independent, non-profit Australian Company established in 2012. We are a passionate team of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people working to bring about change in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids.

Why it matters

Reading is an essential life skill. Students who don't achieve in reading will lag behind and are less likely to complete year 12, or get to TAFE or university. Poor readers struggle to find work. Even lesser skilled and low paid jobs require the ability to read. There are thousands of Indigenous kids whose reading

ability is a long way behind their non-Indigenous peers. In 2015 93 per cent, or more, of all non-Indigenous kids met the national minimum standard for reading, irrespective of where they lived. By contrast, only 31 per cent of Indigenous kids from very remote communities reach this basic level of achievement.

Our purpose

To improve the reading ability of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who need support and are ready to succeed.

The difference reading can make

With each child we want to inspire a joy of reading, unleash curiosity and build on their natural motivation to learn. We know that as reading ability improves, kids who might otherwise have fallen behind develop new confidence, hope and ambition in their lives.

How does it work?

1. We find kids who are performing poorly but are motivated to improve. We offer them a place in our program and the incentive of owning a tablet for improved reading ability.
2. We test all students and establish baseline data for the amount of time spent reading, reading fluency scores and reading comprehension scores.
3. We loan students a tablet for their personal use for reading
4. We give students access to our cloud e-book library which contains over 1000 titles.
5. After 12 weeks we test students again and collect feedback from teachers, parents and students.
6. We reward effort and achievement. If the students test results show significant, measurable improvement and feedback is positive we give the student the tablet to keep.

7. If the students test results are unchanged or lower from the baseline test and feedback is negative then the tablet is returned to us. We then offer the tablet to another student.

8. Successful students will have access to our cloud e-book library as well as incentives and rewards for continued effort and achievement with their reading over years.

Over 500 students have participated in the program since 2012 with an 86% success rate.

2015 Results

Last year 172 out of 203 students successfully completed the program. Each student demonstrated a measurable improvement in their reading ability against three key metrics. On average:

- Reading time is increased by 110%
- Fluency test scores improved by 30%
- Comprehension test scores improved by 29%

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