

Top Literacy and Numeracy Tips for Parents

High School

Literacy

- Have a wide range of reading materials available to your child at home. It will help their confidence with speaking and motivate them to draw on information, make connections and communicate ideas more effectively. Check out Learning Potential for tips on [finding books for your child](#).
- Continue to read to, and with your child, and introduce more challenging books, articles or journals. Talk with your child about the things you read and watch, like the [news and current affairs](#).
- Try to [help your child with homework](#) and stay involved. You don't need to be an expert on what each assignment is about. You can support your child to think through how they should do it and plan their time. Just being there, expressing an interest and saying you want to help can make your child feel supported.
- If you struggle with reading or writing, or have a language background other than English, use the support that is offered through the school, local library, community centres, or [contact the Reading Writing Hotline](#).

Numeracy

- Talk to your child about how you use maths everyday so they can see how the maths they learn at school relates to real life.
- Talk about numerical information, statistics and data that you see in newspapers and online (such as sporting statistics, or weather information from [the Bureau of Meteorology](#)).
- Talk positively about mathematics and take an interest in your child's maths homework. There are lots of things you can do to support their [maths learning at home](#).
- Encourage your child to study for maths tests. They can ask their teacher for practice questions, or previous tests. Check out Learning Potential for information on [revision](#).
- Maths is a learned skill that improves with practise. Encourage your child to practise as much possible as part of a [regular routine](#).
- If your child is having problems with maths, write or talk to your child's teacher or the school principal. Let the school know you are committed to helping your child improve their maths skills – they are there to help.

Check out [Learning Potential](#) for lots of tips and information to help your child learn.