

CHART A COURSE

A mixed approach to literacy lessons

Course Jolly phonics (synthetic phonics course).

When it comes to teaching literacy, there are many ways to tackle our ABCs. Educators have switched from the whole-word approach to phonics and back again. But now a combination is on the table.

"There's not one method that works on its own," says Celeste Musgrave, a teacher and literacy consultant with Jolly Discoveries, which runs this in-school phonics course. "We can keep the whole-word approach, but couple it with phonics.

"Synthetic phonics has been included in the new national English curriculum, so more and more teachers are wanting to learn about it."

The course shows teachers and parents the methodology behind synthetic phonics.

"Children are first taught all the sounds [phonemes] of the English language, then they use this knowledge when learning to read and write," Musgrave says. "When the advanced code of phonics is finally introduced, approximately 90 per cent of words can be worked out using synthetic phonics."

Duration Options include a two-hour, half-day or full-day course.

Who A network of teachers are available across Australia.

Where At your local school.

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