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Explicit Literacy Instruction from Kindergarten to Year 6 (and beyond)

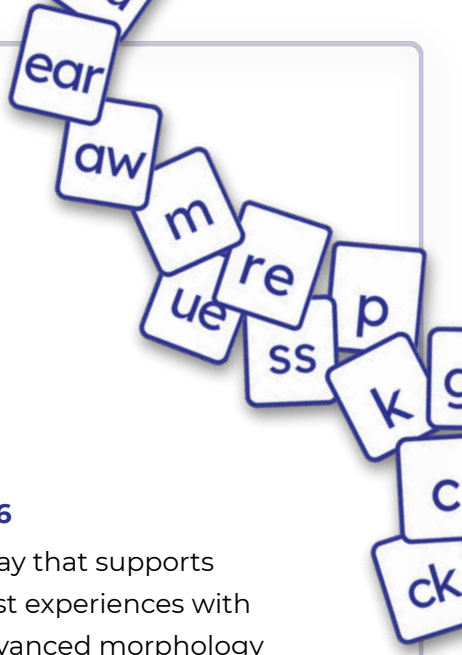
Build confident readers, writers and spellers through evidence-informed instruction.

SPELL is SPELD NSW's comprehensive literacy program, designed to support explicit, systematic instruction in phonics, spelling, morphology and vocabulary from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Developed by teachers, for teachers, SPELL combines a carefully sequenced spelling curriculum, practical classroom resources, assessments and professional learning to help schools implement high-quality literacy instruction with confidence.

Whether you are introducing structured literacy for the first time or strengthening an existing approach, SPELL provides a flexible pathway that supports both whole-class teaching and targeted intervention.

Why Choose spell@ SPELD NSW ?



Explicit and systematic

The program provides explicit instruction with scaffolding and error feedback. SPELL provides a carefully sequenced pathway that introduces new knowledge and skills in manageable steps while providing extensive spaced retrieval practice to consolidating previous learning.

An Intervention and Classroom program

The program is designed to be used as a whole class Tier 1 program and concurrently as a Tier 2 intervention program. The resources are designed to be used by all ages, and therefore is an excellent program for high-school intervention and learning support students.

Flexible for every learner

Suitable for whole-class teaching, small-group intervention and one-to-one support.

Kindergarten to Year 6

One connected pathway that supports students from their first experiences with phonics through to advanced morphology and vocabulary.

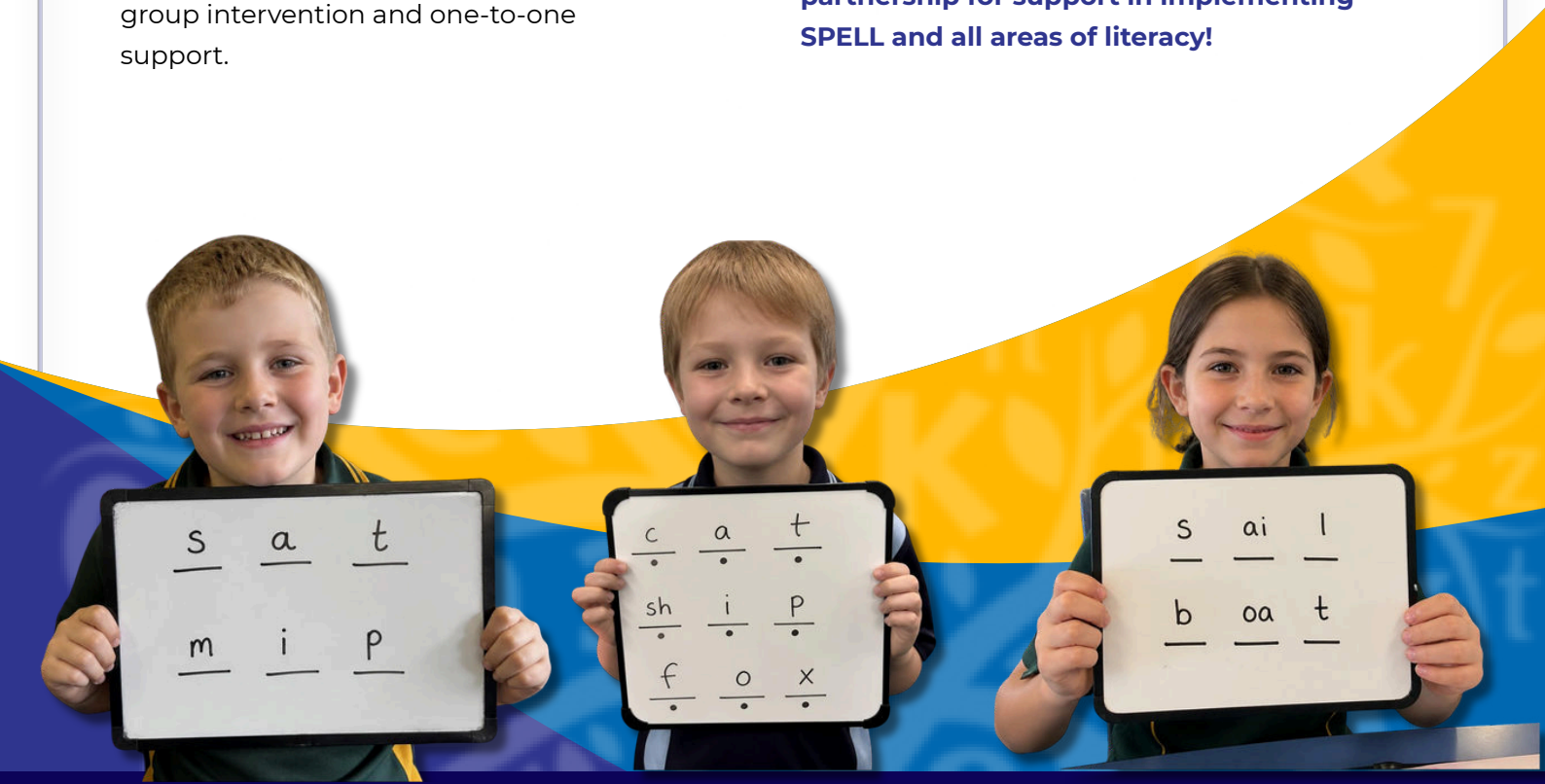
Practical and easy to implement

The teacher scripts, lesson plan and teaching materials, student activities, embedded professional learning for teachers and assessments make implementation straightforward and sustainable.

Supported by SPELD NSW

Professional learning, implementation guidance and ongoing support help schools achieve lasting success.

Register for a SPELD NSW school partnership for support in implementing SPELL and all areas of literacy!



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One Connected Learning Pathway

Advanced SPELL

Extending literacy learning beyond the core sequence

Advanced SPELL is a flexible two-year program for upper primary and high school students that develops:

- Advanced morphology
- Greek and Latin word origins
- Academic vocabulary
- Word study
- Vocabulary development
- Writing through word knowledge

Advanced SPELL helps students continue developing the sophisticated language knowledge required for reading comprehension, writing and success across the curriculum.

Part 4

Students consolidate advanced spelling knowledge through complex morphology, vocabulary and word analysis, preparing them for the language demands of more complex texts

Part 3

Students deepen their understanding of morphology, orthography and word structure while applying this knowledge to increasingly sophisticated reading and writing.

Part 2

Students extend their understanding of the alphabetic code when spelling multisyllabic words, and how to spell high frequency morphemes and increasingly complex spelling patterns.

Part 1

Students develop strong foundations in spelling through explicit instruction in the most common spelling patterns, orthographic conventions, suffixing rules and morphology.

Core Morphology

Students benefit from explicit morphology spelling instruction. Ideal for learners who require targeted intervention, or for use as a bridge to Parts 3 and 4 for schools that have already completed significant phonics spelling instruction.

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LAUNCH builds the foundations for successful reading and spelling through explicit instruction in:

- Phonological awareness
- Letter-sound knowledge
- Blending and segmenting
- Decoding and encoding
- Handwriting
- Early morphology

Where Should Your School Start?

Every school begins from a different place, and SPELL has been designed to provide flexibility while maintaining a clear instructional pathway.

Beginning in Kindergarten/Foundation

Start with Launch to develop the essential foundations for successful reading and spelling.

Beginning in Years 1–4

For most schools, we recommend starting with SPELL Part 1, even if students are already in Years 2, 3 or 4. This ensures students develop the essential orthographic knowledge and spelling concepts that underpin later learning. Schools can then transition through the sequence over time.

Beginning in Years 5–6

Schools introducing SPELL in the upper primary years can begin with Core Morphology, Part 3 or Advanced SPELL depending on the prior instruction students have received. The program provides explicit instruction in morphology, vocabulary and academic language while complementing existing literacy instruction.

A staged implementation is normal. Most schools do not begin using SPELL across every year level at the same point in the program. Instead, implementation is typically phased over two to three years.

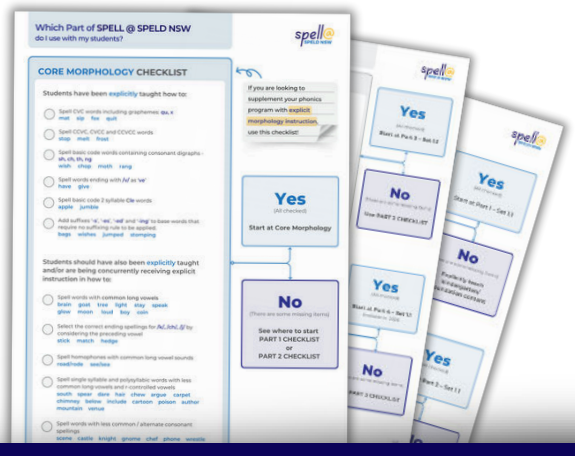
For example:

Year of Implementation	Kindergarten /prep/ foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	Launch	Part 1	Part 1	Part 1	Part 2	Core Morphology	Core Morphology
2	Launch	Part 1	Part 2	Part 2	Part 2	Part 3	Part 3
3	Launch	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 3	Part 3 / 4	Part 4
4	Launch	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 4	Part 4/ Advanced	Advanced

This staged approach allows schools to establish consistent instructional routines while ensuring students develop the knowledge needed for long-term success.

Not sure where to begin?

Placement assessments, readiness assessments and our **Where to Start Checklist** help schools identify the most appropriate entry point. Our team is also available to provide implementation advice based on your school's current literacy approach and student needs.



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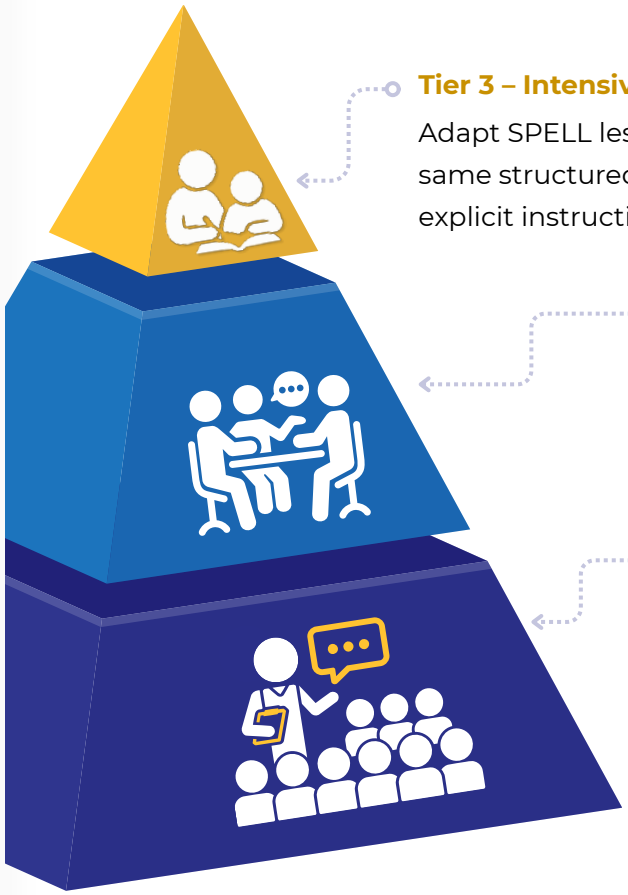
Supporting Tier 1 to Intervention

SPELL has been designed to support every level of instruction within a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).



Tier 3 – Intensive Individual Intervention

Adapt SPELL lessons for intensive one-to-one teaching using the same structured routines, carefully sequenced progression and explicit instructional approach.

Tier 2 – Small-Group Intervention

Provide additional teaching, increased practice and targeted support for students requiring supplementary intervention.

Tier 1 – Whole-Class Instruction

Deliver consistent, evidence-informed literacy instruction to every student through explicit teaching, cumulative review and ongoing assessment.

This consistency allows students to move seamlessly between classroom instruction and intervention.

Everything You Need to
Implement with Confidence

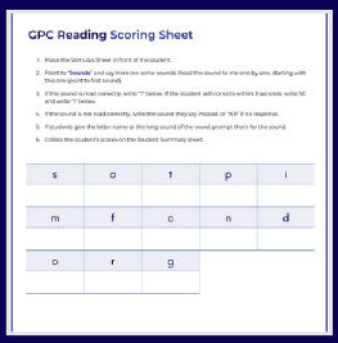
Every stage of SPELL includes:

Comprehensive teacher manuals

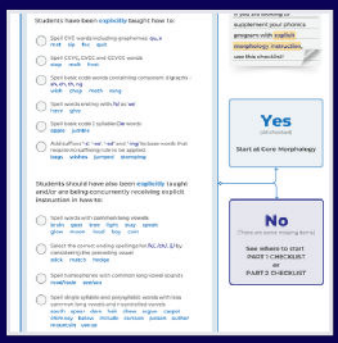
Student workbooks

Interactive lesson slides

Daily review activities



Assessment tools



Placement guidance

Teaching routines

Planning resources

Schools can also access:

Professional Learning

Demonstration Lessons

Free Introductory Webinars

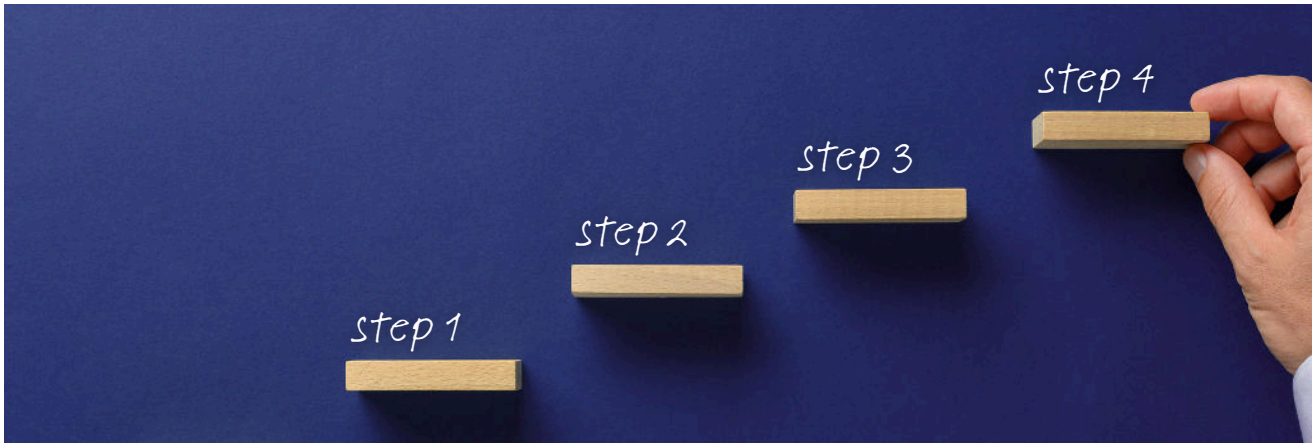
School Implementation Support

Learn, Grow & Thrive School Partnerships

Ongoing advice from the SPELD NSW team

Implementation Made Easy

Implementing a new literacy program doesn't have to be overwhelming. SPELD NSW provides a clear pathway to help schools introduce SPELL with confidence.



Step 1 - Explore SPELL

Attend a free introductory webinar or book a demonstration to discover how SPELL can support your school.

Step 2 - Build Staff Knowledge

Complete professional learning through online or in-school training to ensure staff understand both the program and the evidence behind it.

Step 3 – Start Teaching

Begin implementation at the appropriate starting point for your students, by referring to placement guidance, assessments and ready-to-use teaching resources.

Step 4 – Sustain Success

Strengthen and refine implementation through a SPELD NSW School Partnership, providing ongoing professional learning, implementation support and access to additional resources as your school's literacy journey continues.

Ready to Transform Literacy Instruction?

Whether you're exploring SPELL for the first time or planning a whole-school implementation, SPELD NSW is here to support you every step of the way.

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Book a conversation

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