

Emerald State High School



BMA READ Program Snapshot

Reading is the cornerstone of an effective education. Without these skills, we are limited in so many important life activities: we cannot understand a newspaper, read directions of a new recipe, enjoy a favourite novel, or even read a prescription bottle of medication.

This is why at Emerald State High School in 2019 we have continued with our successful Reading Decoding Program.



This targets students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who have identified as needing assistance with their reading skills. These students are performing below their grade-level expectations and need some intensive intervention. This program focuses on word attack skills, sound/word practice, as well as group reading activities to develop accuracy and oral reading fluency. At Emerald State High School, we target these skills through weekly interventions with our

trained teacher aides. This has ensured the sustainability of this program and has created a team of experts that can take ownership.



Our students thoroughly enjoy this time each week, and have shown much improvement in their academic, and NAPLAN results. BMA READ funding is used to assist with this professional development so that this learning can occur.

We have big plans for the future at Emerald State High School. We are planning to implement a whole school reading program in which we train all the faculties on the best way to target reading in their classrooms every single day. This program will target all our students and will further assist them in their reading skills. Watch this space! Big changes are coming...

