Explicit Direct Instruction:
What it means for parents

Our vision at Good to Great Schools Australia is:

"Great teachers delivering effective instruction and every child reaching their full potential."

What is Explicit Direct Instruction?

Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) gives teachers a step-by-step guide to creating and delivering effective lessons that maximise student learning across all areas of the Australian Curriculum in primary and secondary schools. The model was developed by John Hollingsworth and Dr Silvia Ybarra from DataWORKS and is based on educational theory, brain research, data analysis and direct instruction.

EDI is a strategic collection of instructional practices combined together to design and deliver well-crafted, explicit lessons.

EDI always includes specific lesson design components, specific lesson delivery strategies and continuous checking for understanding until at least eighty per cent of students obtain mastery of the concept being taught.

The strong professional support and training provided to EDI teaching staff and schools means students are highly engaged in the learning process and supported while they master skills.

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Key features of Explicit Direct Instruction

- Literacy lessons from F–6 based on the Australian Curriculum and mapped to NAPLAN

- Ready-to-teach EDI lessons for teachers, student workbooks and unit assessments

- Lessons break down skills into small, carefully sequenced units based on how students best learn

- Lessons are designed to Australian Curriculum standards to ensure students are taught at grade level

- Focuses on basic skills and then applies these to other situations to encourage critical thinking

- Teachers constantly check for understanding throughout a lesson and may re-teach if students have not mastered the skill

- All EDI training and materials are supplied

- Teachers are given a lot of support and professional development

- The classroom is focused on learning so positive behaviours are maximised

- Students are expected to work hard and are given clear expectations on behaviour

- Students are engaged in learning and are successful

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What you can do to support your child?

Why attendance is so important

Parents have a big impact on their child's level of education success. If you treat school seriously, so will your child. The single most important thing that you can do to secure a strong future for your child is to make sure they turn up to school every day. If your child misses 'only' one day a week throughout their school life, that means they miss out on a whole year of school. Even missing one day a week makes it hard for them to keep up.

⚠ Ways to support your child

- **Provide breakfast** – children need nourishment to learn

- **Be school ready** – students who have all their uniform and school supplies feel better prepared and confident at school

- **Be positive** – have a positive attitude towards school

- **Be consistent** – try to avoid changing schools (especially during term time), but let the school know if you are planning to move

- **Read at home** – this can really help give your child a head start at school

- **Stay informed** – students are tested every week, so get to know your teacher and stay informed about your child's progress

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Your child's education through Explicit Direct Instruction

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