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From classroom to home: literacy boost making a difference for Bundarra families

Students at Bundarra Primary School are experiencing stronger engagement and growing confidence in reading following support from a United Way Glenelg community grant.

Funding enabled the school to purchase decodable readers, early chapter books and culturally inclusive texts to support literacy development at school and at home. The resources are now being used across intervention and extension programs, allowing students to learn at their own pace while building stronger engagement with families through shared reading.

More than 90 students, along with their families, have benefited from improved access to targeted reading resources. Teachers have been able to tailor learning more effectively, while students have gained opportunities to practise skills with confidence and success.

Margaret Donald, Teaching and Learning Specialist / Disability Inclusion Leader at Bundarra Primary School, said the grant had made a noticeable difference to student learning.

“Having access to high-quality decodable texts has strengthened our ability to support students at their individual point of need.”

“We are seeing increased confidence, stronger engagement in reading and more positive connections between learning at school and practice at home. The resources have also helped families feel more comfortable supporting their children's literacy development,” said Ms Donald.

Highlights identified by the school include improved student engagement and achievement, stronger family involvement in learning, enhanced teacher knowledge and positive outcomes for Aboriginal students through access to relevant and inclusive texts.

United Way Glenelg Executive Officer Nicole Carr said the evaluation demonstrates how relatively modest grants can create meaningful local change.

“Access to the right reading resources can be a turning point for a child. When students feel confident and supported, it not only strengthens their learning today but helps shape their future opportunities,” she said.

United Way Glenelg continues to invest in community-led projects that respond to local priorities in Healthy Community, Youth Opportunity, Financial Security, Community Resiliency and Healthy Aging, helping build stronger outcomes for individuals and families across the Glenelg Shire.

Photo: Oscar Alexander Grade 1 enjoying the new reading resources.

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