

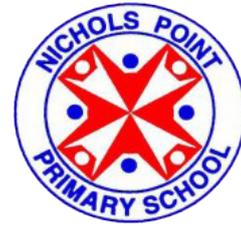
## Nichols Point Primary School

**Location:** Mildura, Victoria.

**Type:** Victorian government school.

**LiteracyPlanet usage:** Years 2 to 6.

**Why LiteracyPlanet?** Student engagement, use across school and home, easy to use functions for teachers.



## Engaging and motivating young 21st century learners



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Nichols Point Primary School is a unique school that offers a modern and flexible learning environment, and has the motto *Helping kids dream, achieve and succeed!*

## Why did the school choose LiteracyPlanet?

The school believes that providing students with a stimulating learning environment encourages independence and responsibility for their own personal learning, and helps to prepare them for a future beyond school.

Teachers place an emphasis on the core subjects of Literacy and Numeracy, and teaching students 21st century skills of thinking critically, applying knowledge to new situations, analysing information, comprehending new ideas, communicating,

collaborating, solving problems, and making decisions. They aim to provide students with experiences that are relevant, connected beyond the classroom, and based within appropriate contexts for learning in the information age.

The school chose LiteracyPlanet because it enhances students' literacy learning, seamlessly fits with other literacy teaching activities, and offers teachers a range of easy to use functions, such as data to track students' skills and results.

## How the school uses LiteracyPlanet

The school uses LiteracyPlanet as a core part of its literacy teaching program in Years 2 to 6. Students use it in class and for homework, particularly for spelling, reading, comprehension and grammar.

According to classroom teacher Vicki Matthews, LiteracyPlanet helps students to accelerate in their literacy learning because they find it so engaging.

"It is so much educational fun that caters for all our Year 2-6 students. Students are always motivated to improve their literacy skills when using LiteracyPlanet," says Ms Matthews.

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LiteracyPlanet is especially useful for engaging students who find aspects of literacy challenging.

"It gets them working on skills without them even realising they are participating in an area of learning that they are struggling with," adds Ms Matthews.

Teachers appreciate that students can complete tasks through a variety of engaging games, and upload their personal spelling and word lists to create customised exercises.

They also enjoy how convenient and easy it is to use for teaching, particularly for data collection, monitoring progress, and sourcing and assigning tasks for individual students.

"It's convenient, easy to use and students are always engaged while using it," says Grade 3/4 teacher Ryan Doherty.

"LiteracyPlanet easily allows for differentiation. The data that can be collected and used to drive our teaching is powerful, and helps us cater for all students," adds Ms Matthews.



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Students especially enjoy LiteracyPlanet's annual literacy competition for schools, Word Mania, with many year levels typically making it high on the national leaderboards.

"Word Mania is another part of the program that is a favourite each year. The kids are totally obsessed with words!" - Vicki Matthews, classroom teacher.



Students competing in the final round of Word Mania in 2016.



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