



Young Minds Thrive
Connecting, Growing, Succeeding

2025

SCHOOL READY PROGRAM

Empowering Futures: School Ready In-Home Learning Program

At Young Minds Thrive, our mission is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential, no matter where they live or what challenges they face. In 2025, we are proud to launch the Empowering Futures: School Ready In-Home Learning Program—a transformative initiative born from the insights gathered through our groundbreaking Empowering Futures: School Screening Program.

The ‘Why’

In 2024, our data revealed an urgent need for better school readiness support for children aged 4-6 in the Mid-North Coast region. Sixty per cent of children screened were not on track in one or more developmental areas, putting children at a disadvantage as they started kindergarten. Parents told us they needed more tools, knowledge, and support at home to help their children thrive. With long wait times and limited access to early learning and developmental support in rural areas, we knew we had to innovate.

The 'What'

The School Ready In-Home Learning Program delivers everything families need to support their child's learning journey. Each participant receives a tailored program pack, including an interactive School Ready Learning Binder and additional educational resources, all designed to build essential skills in literacy, numeracy, problem-solving, and social-emotional development. Parents also gain access to a gold-standard developmental screening tool, the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), to assess their child's progress.



The 'How'

This program is designed for flexibility and impact. Resources are delivered directly to families, eliminating barriers like transportation or scheduling conflicts. Over six months, parents receive professional guidance through monthly online educational sessions moderated by early childhood professionals. These sessions provide insights into fostering healthy development, recognising milestone delays, and navigating support pathways.

The 'Who'

This program is specifically tailored for children aged 4-6 and their families across the Mid-North Coast. It is aimed at reaching those most at risk of starting school without the foundational skills they need to succeed.

The 'Where'

Our program resources are delivered directly into homes, benefiting families in even the most remote areas. By focusing on the home environment, we are empowering parents as their child's first and most important teachers.



The 'Impact'

Through this innovative program, Young Minds Thrive is not just equipping children for school; we are equipping families for life. By addressing developmental challenges early and providing targeted support, we aim to see a measurable reduction in school readiness vulnerabilities within three years.

Together with our community and supporters, we are creating a future where every child begins their education with confidence, joy, and the tools they need to succeed. This is more than a program; it is a pathway to brighter futures for children and families in regional Australia.