WHAT IS IT?  Our whole school, intensive reading program!

Overview of Program Content:

Link It! focuses on teaching reading comprehension strategies. It is designed to complement the teaching of reading comprehension in the classroom. Every student can make improvements with small group intensive teaching. These strategies are taught/consolidated through a variety of text types and the level of difficulty of these texts varies according to the ability levels of students in each group. The reading comprehension strategies that the program focuses upon include:

* Activating prior knowledge
* Predicting
* Visualising
* Making connections
* Inferring
* Questioning
* Summarising
* Synthesising

(‘Teaching Reading Comprehension Strategies – A Practical Classroom Guide’, Sheena Cameron, 2009)

The Link It! Program requires a whole school commitment to improve reading comprehension.
- It is not a ‘stand-alone’ program but supports classroom reading.
- Extra teaching personnel are involved.
- There is a supportive and consistent approach to the teaching of reading through a common language.
- Explicit teaching of reading comprehension strategies are mandatory to improve understanding.
- Use of robust data [PAT R / PROBE] is used to inform and monitor learning (developed in response to analysis of local and national data).
- The program has smaller numbers of students within reading groups with flexible groupings of students.

Link It! Group Descriptors:
- CRUISERS[extending the A student]: CHILLERS[extending the B student]: CANONS[extending the C student]: CLIMBERS[extending the D student]: CLASSICS[extending the E student]