



## Parent Fact sheet

### Why is my child eligible?

Your child is eligible for tuition under the program because he or she did not meet one of the national reading, writing or numeracy benchmarks in 2007 for Years 3, 5, or 7; or if he or she was in Years 3, 5 or 7 in 2007 and was formally exempt from benchmark assessment. These national benchmarks measure how a child is doing in reading, writing or numeracy. If a child is below one of the benchmarks, it may mean that they require additional support to improve their skills in these areas.



### How will An Even Start—National Tuition Program be managed?

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations is working with government, Catholic or Independent education authorities as Program Administrators in each state and territory to manage the delivery of school-based tuition by schools and teachers.

The Department is also working with a Private Tuition Coordinator to manage delivery of tuition by tutors from the private tutor market.

If you would like to contact the Program Administrator for your child's school, or you would like to know more about options for private tuition in your area, see the website for details.

### What will my child receive?

Your child will receive a minimum of 12 hours in literacy or numeracy tuition. Literacy tuition may include reading or writing. If your child has not achieved more than one benchmark, you should talk to your child's school about which form of tuition would be best for your child.

Tuition will include a pre- and post-tuition assessment (of up to one hour). The pre-tuition assessment will help the tutor design an individual tuition plan for your child. The post-tuition assessment, conducted in the final tuition session, will measure your child's progress.

Tuition will be personalised to meet the needs of your child, and may be delivered in a range of ways, for example: after school hours, online or in small groups. Tuition will be flexible to meet the needs of students with disabilities or access difficulties.



### Who will provide the tuition?

You will be able to choose whether your child receives tuition through their school, or through an approved private tuition company or individual private tutor.

Tuition will be provided by qualified tutors who are experienced in literacy or numeracy, and who meet child protection requirements.

If a parent or caregiver already has a tutor for their child, as long as the tutor meets the requirements of the program, tuition may be provided by that person.

### How do I access tuition for my child?

You will be able to access tuition through a range of approved sources including schools and private tutoring companies. To receive tuition, eligible students must be registered online. Students may be registered through your child's school, by the Program Administrator, or by the Private Tuition Coordinator. Your child will receive tuition during the 2008 school year.

This information is available in languages other than English from the website.

For more information, visit [www.anevenstart.dest.gov.au](http://www.anevenstart.dest.gov.au) or phone 1300 363 079.