

BASE Assessment

Baseline Assessment (BASE) program assesses the early literacy and numeracy skills of Preparatory (Prep) students. BASE has been developed by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM), partnering with Cambridge University Press and Cambridge Assessment in the United Kingdom.

What is BASE?

BASE is an online assessment program where teachers work one-on-one with each student to complete the assessment. Each assessment takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. BASE is easy to use and is designed to find out what each child knows and can do before the child has had any appreciable teaching in school.

BASE assists teachers to:

- assess each student's early literacy and numeracy skills and monitor ongoing progress
- identify students who will benefit from intervention or enrichment programs
- provides information to teachers to support the provision of appropriate curriculum planning.

When will students be assessed?

- The first assessment will take place during February each year and is then followed up with a second assessment early in Term 4.

How will BASE results be reported?

- Schools are required to share BASE results with parents/carers.
- A copy of your child's BASE report will be available from the school, upon request.

For more information, please contact your child's school, or by phoning Education Performance and Review on 61 65 5706 or visit the BASE Australia website at <http://www.education.uwa.edu.au/base>