



PRIMARY PUBLISHER
OF THE YEAR
2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

History of PLD



2007

- Preventing Literacy Difficulties was founded in South Perth.
- PLD Language & Literacy Clinic, run by Speech Pathologist, Diana Rigg and a small scale consultancy.

2009

- Office moved to Nedlands where it remained until 2012.
- The PLD team expanded to 3 graphic designers, 8 Speech Pathologists and 2 Occupational Therapists delivering Language and Literacy sessions and trialing programs that would later be rolled out to schools.

2011

- Speech Pathology Australia released a case study on a remote school using PLD's approach.
- PLD's Clinic closed, facilitating the change from focusing upon increasing outcomes of one child at a time to supporting schools and increasing their outcomes.

2014

- First PLD apps were launched.

2016

- PLD launched online courses, as a flexible, accessible and cost effective method of professional learning.

2018

- PLD won the 2018 Australian Primary Publisher of the Year.
- As a result of winning the Australian Publisher of the Year, PLD commenced the process of modernising the appearance of the publication range.

2020

- PLD commenced 2020 with a range of 85 publications.
- All Pre-Primary teachers in Bhutan received training, a pack of PLD Synthetic Phonics literacy resources and a SSP student tracking process
- PLD launched an eBook range.
- PLD recommended as an evidence-based reading provider in the Primary Reading Pledge.
- PLD won Australian Primary Publisher of the Year (third consecutive year).

2022

- The Bulletin published PLD as a recommended evidence-based SSP program.
- Live professional development seminars are offered online to make training available to educators nationwide.

2008

- PLD's publishing commenced converting the founder Diana Rigg's WORD documents and hand drawings into publications.
- The PLD Clinic expanded to 3 speech pathologists and 1 Occupational Therapist.

2010

- The PLD logo & 3 skill set image was trademarked.
- Diana Rigg received a 40 under 40 award which recognised her leadership and innovation in the area of literacy.

2012

- Relocation to a new office with a seminar room on Parry Street in Perth.

2015

- Professor William Loudon's (2015) study 'High Performing Schools' recognised PLD programs.
- PLD commenced offering Skype 'coaching' sessions to schools around Australia.

2017

- AUSPELD identified PLD as a recommended evidence-based Structured Synthetic Phonics (SSP) program.

2019

- PLD won Australian Primary Publisher of the Year (second consecutive year).
- The Bulletin & Dyslexia Victoria Support recommended PLD as evidence-based SSP programs for intervention.
- PLD established a partnership with the charity Hear Hear for Bhutan (HHfB) aiming to raise literacy levels.

2021

- PLD releases School License offering to allow schools to share access to resources with all staff.
- PLD won Australian Primary Publisher of the Year (fourth consecutive year).

2023

- WA Department of Education endorses PLD as a recommended evidence-based program.
- Extension of school support staff including the appointment of a PLD Schools Manager based in Queensland.