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Families who are considering an application to the NEMLDC are strongly encouraged to attend our annual Open Day in Term 3 or to contact the school to arrange a tour.

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## North East Metropolitan Language Development Centre



### The North East Metropolitan Language

**Development Centre (NEMLDC)** is one of five Language Development Centres (LDCs) located in the metropolitan area of Western Australia. LDCs are independent public schools for children who have speech and language difficulties. Eligible students attend LDCs during their early years of schooling and receive a specialised language program aimed at developing their communication and literacy skills, along with the WA curriculum. The NEMLDC caters for children attending Kindergarten to Year 2. The school has sites located at West Morley Primary School, North Balga Primary School, and Beechboro Primary School. Class sizes within the NEMLDC are smaller than those typical of mainstream schools (12 – 15 students).



## Oral language programs

The NEMLDC provides intensive, evidence-based oral language intervention for students in their early years of schooling. Explicit lessons in oral comprehension, semantic organisation and vocabulary, story-telling skills, grammar, early literacy skills, and social skills are delivered at each student's level. Student progress is closely monitored, and additional support is provided through an intervention program as indicated. The WA Curriculum, including subjects like Maths and Science, is also delivered with an explicit oral language focus.

## Staff

The NEMLDC employs a range of professionals, including administration staff, teachers, education assistants, speech pathologists, an occupational therapist, school psychologist, student wellbeing officer and Aboriginal and Islander education officer. Every classroom has specialist teachers and education assistants allocated to provide extra support to students. Unique to the NEMLDC is the highly collaborative way that the speech pathologists work with teachers to develop and deliver high quality language programs.

## Referral Criteria

There are three eligibility criteria for placement at an LDC. Most importantly, the child must have a **significant primary language disorder**. If you have been given this information by your child's speech pathologist, he/she has already determined your child/the child you care for meets this requirement in their professional opinion.

## Referral process

Applications are accepted for Kindergarten, Pre-primary and Year 1. The number of places available varies each year and the process is generally a competitive one with more applications received than there are places available most years. The closing dates for applications are towards the end of September each year. As the referral package is quite comprehensive, it is important that the application process begins well before this time.



## Referral outcomes and placement offers

A placement committee, consisting of the school principal, associate principals, speech pathologists and school psychologist carefully consider all the information provided. Each application is evaluated and discussed individually. Placement is offered based on the applicant meeting the three eligibility criteria and the number of places available within the school.

Applicants are notified in Term 4 of the outcome of the application and successful applicants must accept the placement within the given timeframe. A parent information session is held shortly after. Students commence placement in Term 1 of the following year.

Each student's placement is reviewed annually to evaluate suitability of ongoing enrolment. Upon exit, students transition to a mainstream school with support from the NEMLDC.