

## Our Mission

To make reading fun for children, so they become lifelong readers.

No child should be left behind in literacy.



## The magic

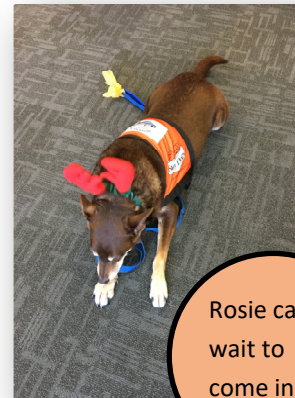
When children read to a dog, the outcomes are amazing! It is a non-judgemental setting, the children's focus improves, their literacy skills increase and their confidence soars. The accepting, loving nature of dogs gives this program its magic and helps children relax, open up, try harder and have fun while reading to a friendly, calm dog.

## Story Dog Facts

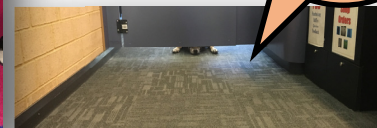
- We help over **2245** children each week.
- There are **449** current volunteer Dog Teams
- We partner with **262** schools in NSW, QLD, VIC, TAS, WA, SA and ACT.
- We have **280** Dog Teams fully sponsored; this is only **63%**.



Margaret and Story Dog Lily



Rosie cant wait to come in!



# Story Dogs

Daisy dog sometimes comes to visit.



## Our School Dogs

At Secret Harbour Primary School we have 3 Story Dogs that visit each week.

Monday ~ Rosie (Zoe handler)

Thursday ~ Lily ~ (Margaret handler)

Logie ~ (Karen handler)

The dogs are put through training, vet checked and chosen because they are reliable, safe and suitable for schools.

The students who interact with the dogs are nominated by teachers. The main aim of story dogs is to assist the students to learn to read without pressure. Some of the students chosen have poor mental health, low academic results and low self esteem.

