

*Fast ForWord® can be done at the
Brain & Language Connections Clinic
or at home under the guidance of a
certified Speech Pathologist.*

When Fast ForWord® is completed at home, a parent or caregiver takes on the responsibility of coach (scheduling sessions, motivating your child, ensuring completion etc.).

You provide:

- a Mac or Windows computer with an Internet connection
- appropriately sized, high quality headphones (2 sets) and a stereo y-adapter
- a quiet, comfortable location for Fast ForWord® training

We provide:

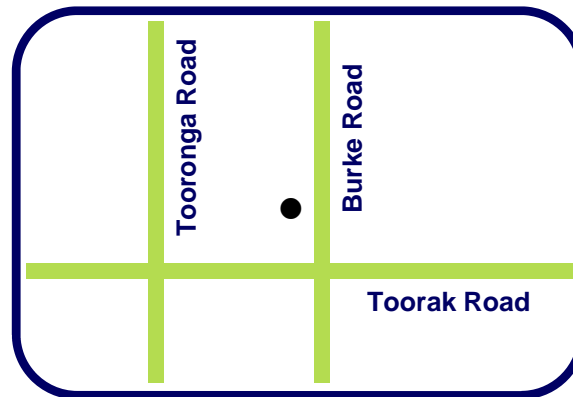
- an initial consultation and/or assessment to determine which Fast ForWord® program and schedule is right for your child.
- ForWord® software and assistance including the initial setup of the program on your home computer.
- Fast ForWord® home packs which detail all the exercises, points charts, completion charts, ideas for rewards etc.
- daily internet-based monitoring of your child's progress via the Fast ForWord® web-enabled Progress Tracker system
- weekly reports by email, with an option for phone consultations
- ongoing support, including motivational strategies and rewards to help keep your child on task. We also have our unique BLC Gift Shop where points accrued can be redeemed for prizes.

Book now on 0409 850082 for
a *free* information session and
demonstration of the Fast
ForWord® family of products.

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*Specialising in the neuroscience of speech,
language and learning*

For further information



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What is Fast ForWord®?

At Brain & Language Connections we are pleased to offer the Fast ForWord® family of programs designed to build language, reading and communication skills. Fast ForWord® is a neuroscience program that builds the brain's learning capacity making learning easier and faster. The products are based on more than 30 years of brain and cognitive research by world-renowned scientists.

Fast ForWord® strengthens the brain the same way a fit athlete might build muscle through repetition and practise. It accelerates learning by developing the student's brain to process information more efficiently, and improves skills that are necessary for success in the classroom, the home and everyday life. To make sense out of language, a child must be able to distinguish the rapidly changing sound elements of speech. Fast ForWord® is one such intervention that has been proven to teach this skill to children who do not learn it naturally.

The different Fast ForWord® programs are used for students in prep to year 12. The products feature interactive, animated exercises and use patented technologies that slow down and digitally enhance speech sounds, and adapt to each student's skill level. Results are generated with every key stroke.



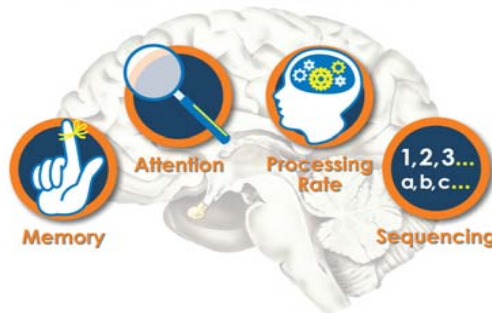
Why Fast ForWord® Works

Students work on Fast ForWord® programs for 50 minutes a day, five days a week for eight to twelve weeks (30 minute schedules are also available). Each day the student is prompted to answer hundreds of increasingly more difficult exercises in quick succession, using scientifically-based neuroscience principles. Results are seen in reading and learning because Fast ForWord® strengthens both cognitive skills and fundamental reading and language skills.

Cognitive Skills Strengthened by Fast ForWord®

Through the intensive, adaptive exercises, Fast ForWord® programs develop and strengthen Memory, Attention, Processing rate, and Sequencing (known as Learning M.A.P.S.)

Fit Brains Learn Better



Memory –working, short-term and long-term memory which are essential for word recognition, comprehension and remembering

Attention –the ability to focus on information and tasks and ignore distractions

Processing Speed –the rate at which we are able to process incoming information.

Sequencing –the ability to determine the order of letters within words or words within sentences.

Reading & Language Skills Strengthened by Fast ForWord®

It is through the strengthening of these cognitive skills that a wide range of critical language and reading skills improve such as:

- Phonemic awareness
- Decoding
- Spelling
- Comprehension
- Reading fluency
- Sound-letter association
- Vocabulary
- Syntax & Grammar
- Auditory Processing

How to Get Started

An initial consultation and/or comprehensive assessment of your child's skills will determine which Fast ForWord® program and schedule is most appropriate.

For more information on the Fast ForWord® products contact the Brain & Language Connections clinic on 0409 850082.

