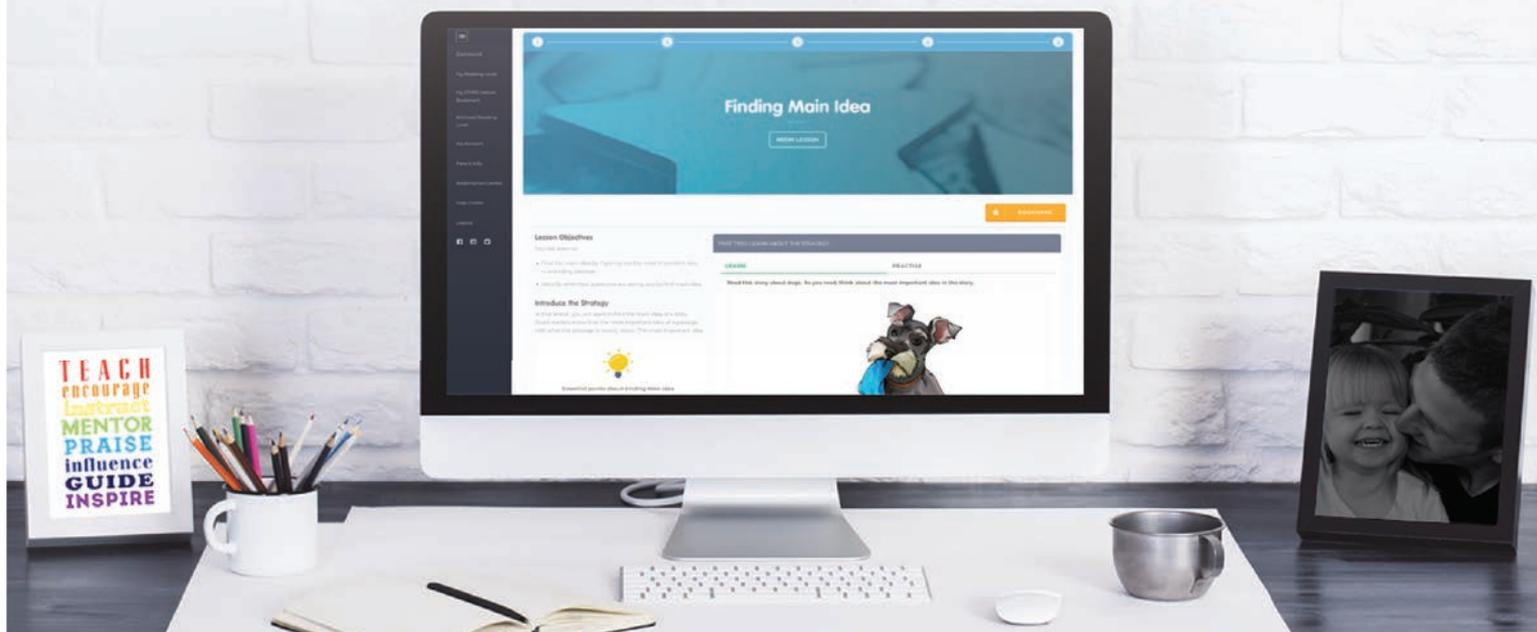


CARS & STARS Online

READING COMPREHENSION REDEFINED

CARS & STARS Online is a comprehensive diagnostic and instructional reading comprehension program. The foundation of the program is based on twelve research based reading strategies used to diagnose a student's reading comprehension ability and improve it through guided instruction.

By giving teachers more time to teach, helping students learn more independently and allowing parents to be involved in their child's learning, CARS & STARS Online integrates the whole school to fully support students learning. The online program is derived from **CARS & STARS Plus**, a printed reading comprehension program published in Australia by Hawker Brownlow Education that features student workbooks and teacher guides. The web application is structured similarly, with a teacher/parent portal and student/child portal available.



PLACEMENT TEST



DIAGNOSE

CARS Assessments



STARS Online Personalised Instruction



Teacher-led STARS Online Instruction

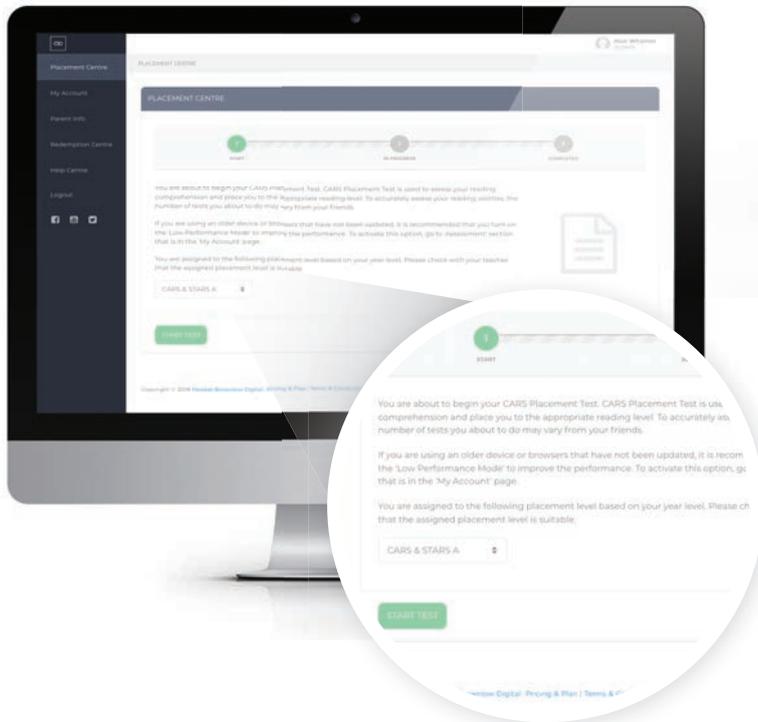


MONITOR

Instant Reporting

THE PLACEMENT CENTRE

The Placement Centre is the first part of the three part CARS & STARS series. It is used to assess the students' reading comprehension and then place them in the correct CARS Level. More than one level may be represented within a class. The program was designed with this in mind, making it possible to teach multiple levels within the one class.

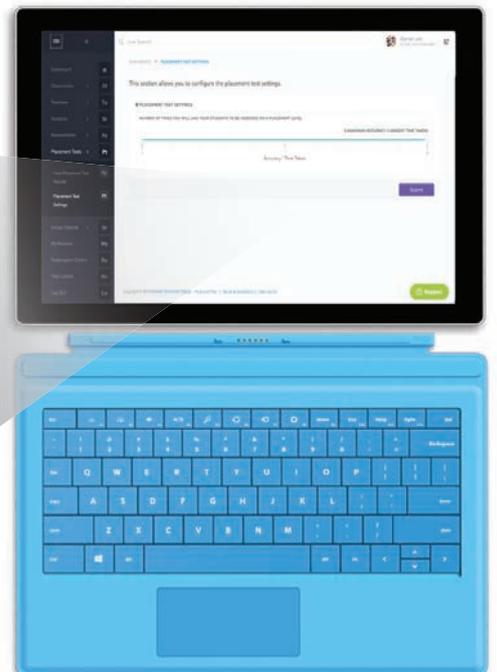
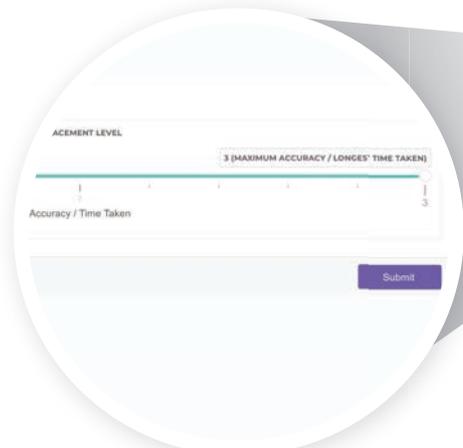


INITIAL LEVEL PLACEMENT TEST

Students are allowed to check with their teacher whether the initial placement level is appropriate to their reading ability.

THE PLACEMENT TEST SETTINGS

The school administrator will be able to take control of the placement settings. The recommended setting requires the students to take the level placement test at least three times on a placement level.



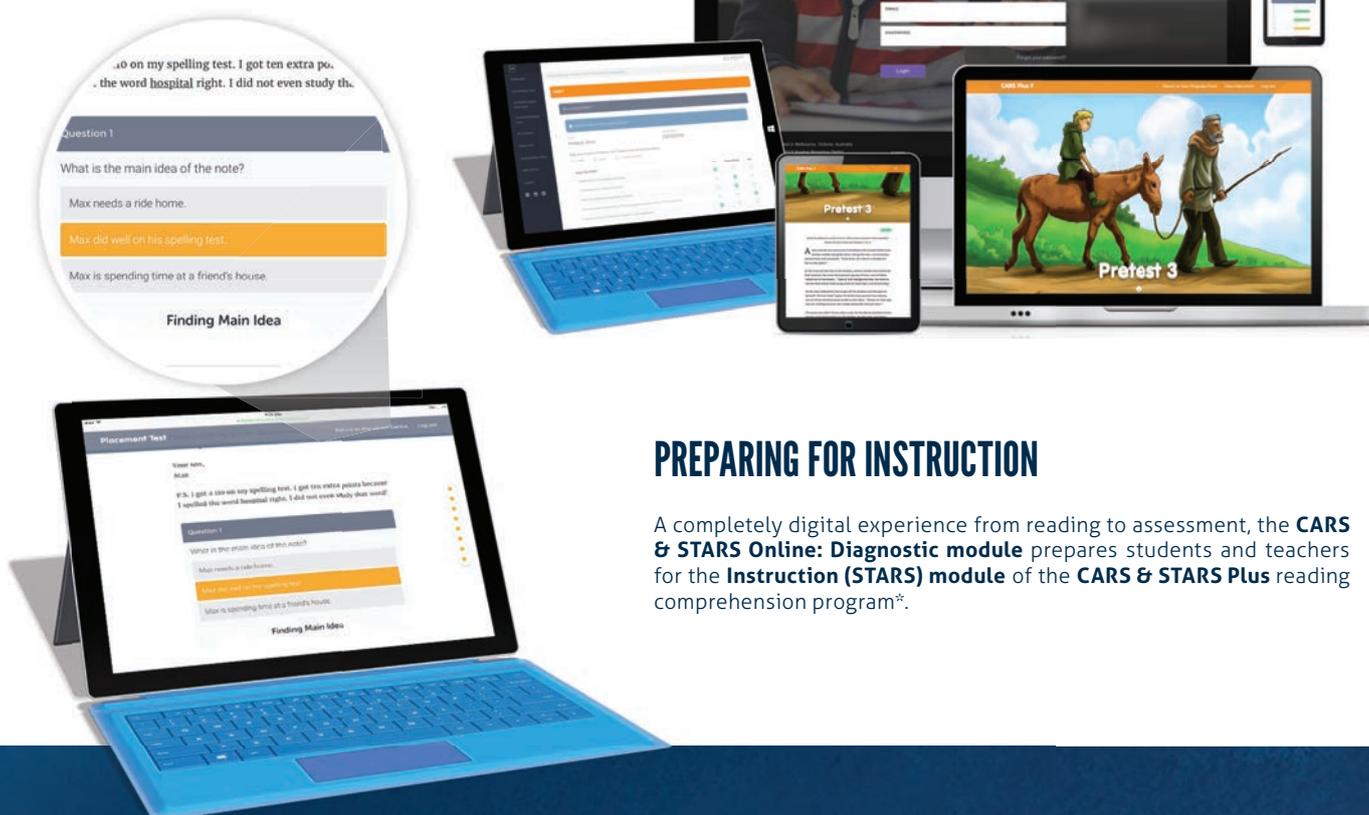
IMMERSE STUDENTS IN A NEW KIND OF TEXTBOOK

The **CARS & STARS Online: Diagnostic module** recreates the reading experience of the **CARS Plus student workbook**, with the added benefit of online data analysis. Students are presented with the same stories as in the printed workbook but in a full-colour, illustrated digital format. Students read a story, using their laptop, tablet, desktop PC or smartphone, and complete a series of multiple-choice questions. The module then automatically analyses the student's answers to determine their grasp of the **CARS & STARS Plus 12 reading comprehension strategies***.

CARS: DIAGNOSTIC

A REWARDING STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Students can track their progress, with reading level, completion date and assessment status easily accessible. Teachers can even transfer data from previous assessments, schools or classes, ensuring student accounts remain up to date and in-sync. Each completed test is given a star rating, encouraging students to do their best.



PREPARING FOR INSTRUCTION

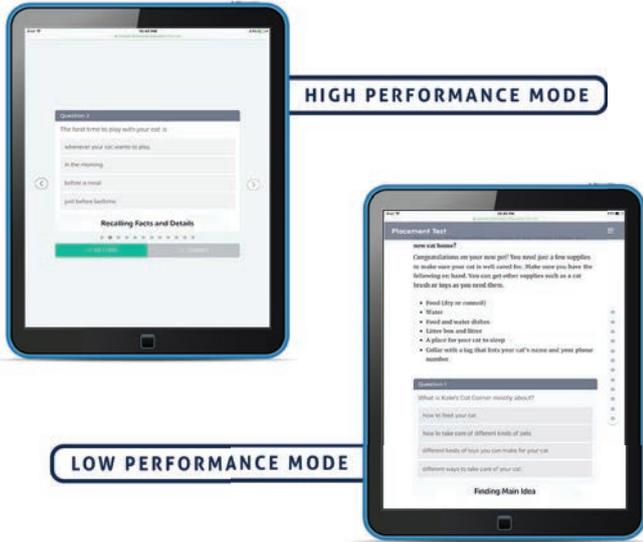
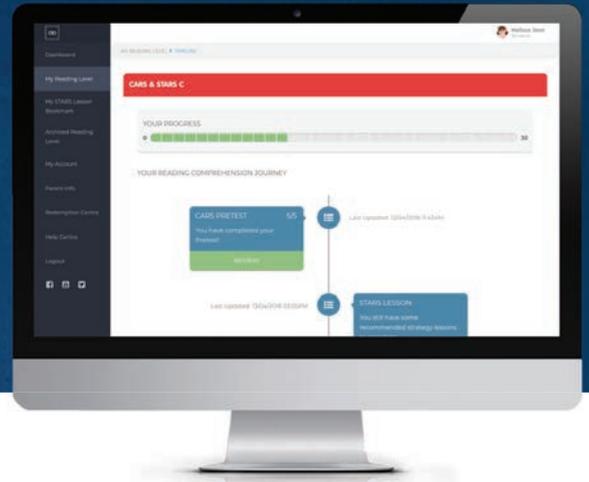
A completely digital experience from reading to assessment, the **CARS & STARS Online: Diagnostic module** prepares students and teachers for the **Instruction (STARS) module** of the **CARS & STARS Plus** reading comprehension program*.

* **THE 12 READING
COMPREHENSION
STRATEGIES ARE:**

- Finding main idea
- Recalling facts and details
- Understanding sequence
- Recognising cause and effect
- Comparing and contrasting
- Making predictions
- Finding word meaning in context
- Drawing conclusions & making inferences
- Distinguishing between fact & opinion
- Identifying author's purpose
- Interpreting figurative language
- Summarising

CARS & STARS TIMELINE

Illustrates each reading level program structure to ensure students have a solid understanding of each strategy before moving on to the next level. This timeline also helps the student to review their reading comprehension journey toward success.

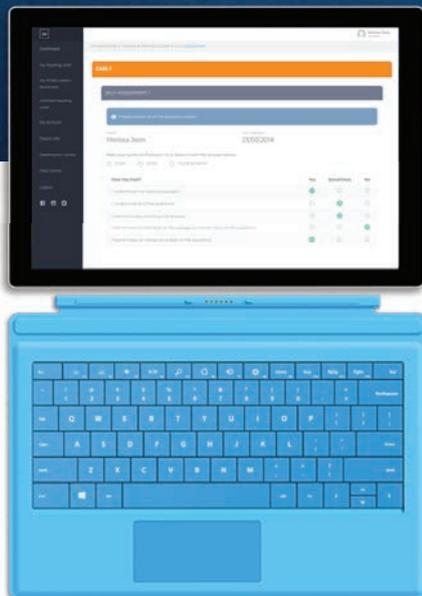


DUAL DISPLAY MODE

CARS & STARS Online has been designed with accessibility in mind, and not to simply cater for new devices. Students can choose between the interactive, high-performance mode, or the simpler, low-performance mode, depending on their preferred method of use. High-performance mode starts with a story and then uses an eye-catching side-to-side scrolling effect for the questions. Low-performance mode, specifically designed for use on older devices or for a simpler visual experience, offers a traditional top-to-bottom reading and response experience.

PROGRESS MAPPING

Students can view ongoing, instantly updated progress charts while tracking their journey throughout the comprehension program. Previous assessments are listed underneath current progress, including reading level, completion date and assessment status.



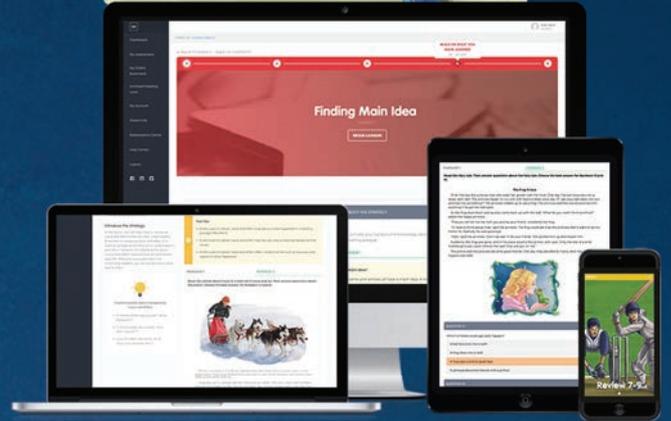
SELF-ASSESSMENT

Self-Assessment sections allow students to reflect on their work throughout Pre-test and Post test questions to encourage goal setting and reflection.

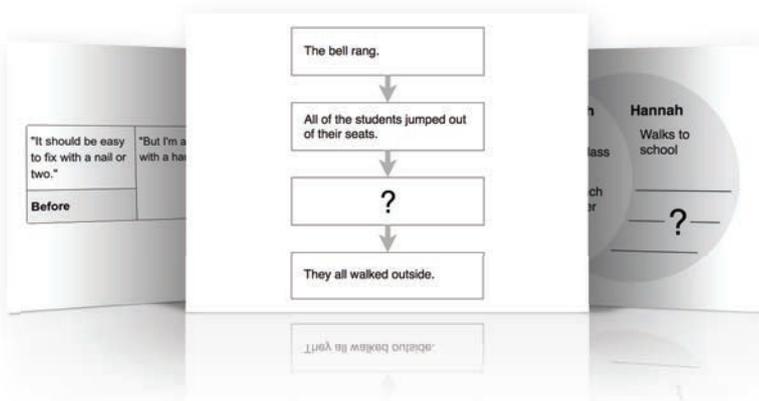
STARS: INSTRUCTION

The research-based Strategies to Achieve Reading Success (STARS) series provides explicit direct instruction in the 12 core reading strategies tested in CARS. Each lesson is broken into five parts, providing a gradual release of responsibility and increase in student confidence.

STARS supports all student learning, including EAL/D or equivalent learners with prior knowledge activation, explicit instruction, graphic organisers and theme-based instruction. Multiple definitions and examples of each strategy within each lesson continually reinforce understanding. The easy-to-use, informative online Teacher Guide makes every teacher a reading expert, offering step-by-step instructions on administering assessments with classes and individual students, as well as a detailed breakdown of every section of the student portal.



Create a thoroughly immersive close-reading experience as part of a new era in STARS Instruction

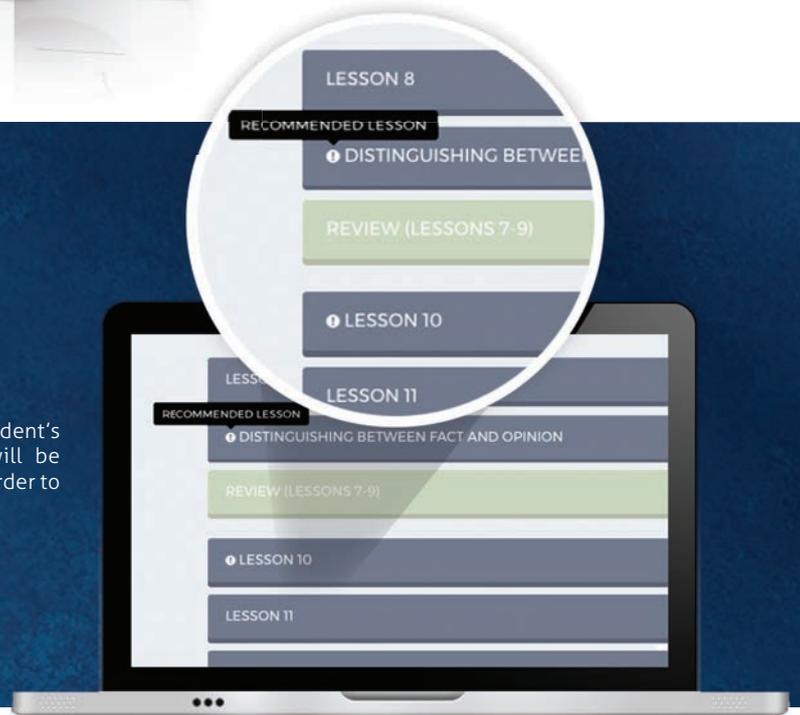


STRATEGY-BASED GRAPHIC ORGANISERS

Graphic Organisers help learners to comprehend and retain textually important information. These strategy-based graphic organisers depict how students can apply each strategy.

PERSONALISED INSTRUCTION

Upon completion of Pre-test diagnostics based on the student's areas of greatest need, personalised online lessons will be automatically recommended for students to complete in order to remediate areas that require reinforcement.



QUESTION HINTS

Provide additional information for the student to complete the questions. These hints may give information about the questions themselves or direct students to find key information within the passage.

...tain a hum...
...use a story to teach a le...

 Question Hints

In question 3, even though an illustration d is included, the author's purpose is to pers...

STUDENT'S CORNER



... is not correct because the a...
... that celebrate the new year on different...

... why the new year begins on a different day each year.

This answer is not correct because the new year is not on a different day each year. Different people celebrate the new year on different days.

... different times when the new year is celebrated.

This answer is correct because it is the most important idea. It tells what the article is mostly about.

... people who begin the new year in the autumn

This answer is not correct because it is not the most important idea of the article. This answer does not tell what the article is mostly about.

QUESTION 3

What is the article mostly about?

... countries that celebrate the new year in January

This answer is not correct because the article talks about many countries that celebrate the new year on different days.

... why the new year begins on a different day each year

This answer is not correct because the new year is not on a different day each year. Different people celebrate the new year on different days.

... which time most of the new year is celebrated

This answer is correct because it is the most important idea. It tells what the article is mostly about.

... people who begin the new year in the autumn

This answer is not correct because it is not the most important idea of the article. This answer does not tell what the article is mostly about.

ANSWER ANALYSIS

Model for students how they can find the correct answers to comprehension questions, with explanations as to why those answers are correct and why the other answers are not.

STRATEGY ESSENTIAL POINTS

Derived from the Strategy Bookmarks, these serve as a helpful reminder about the strategy that students have learned in the lesson. The strategy essential points are also used to support the application of each strategy to year-level text.



Essential points about Finding Word Meaning In Context

- Look at the sentence with the new word.

... look at the sentences before
... the new word



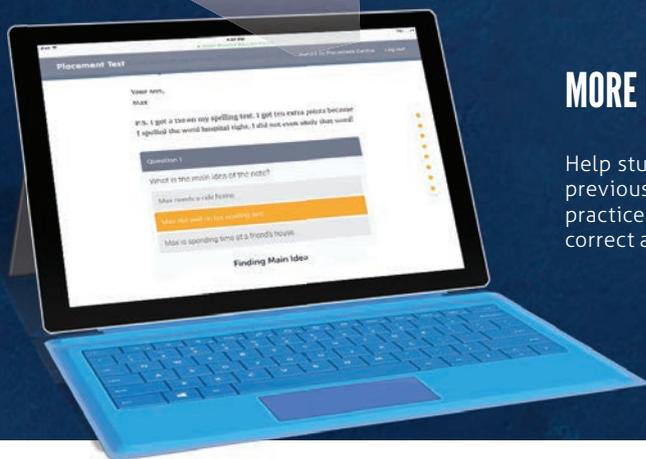






MORE PRACTICE WITH STARS REVIEWS

Help students to focus on the targeted reading strategies from the three previous lessons with Review Lessons, before the Final Review provides practice in all 12 reading strategies. Students are provided with the correct answers upon completion of each passage.





TEACHER SUBSCRIPTION

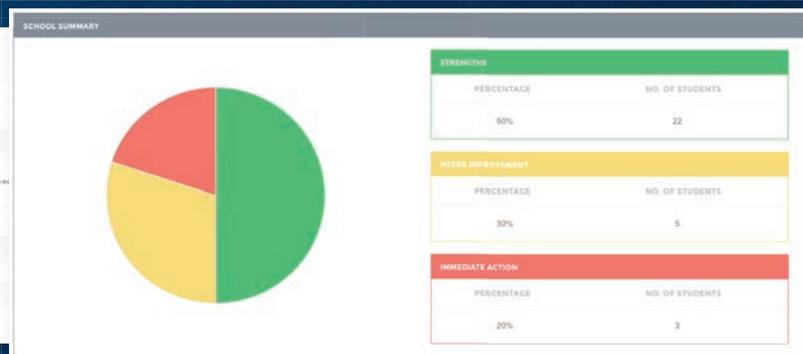
MAKES TEACHERS' LIVES EASIER

We understand teachers are busy and spend a lot of time either correcting answers or assessing what to teach next. We have designed CARS & STARS Online to help make marking, tracking and generating reports quicker and more intuitive, allowing more time to concentrate on student learning.

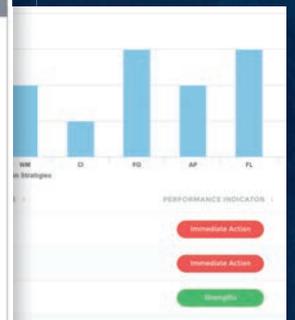
IMPORT CSV DETAILS



REPORTING FOR IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS



NEXT STEP IN INSTRUCTION



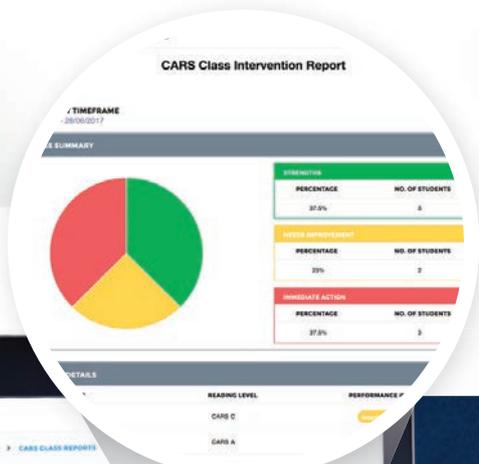
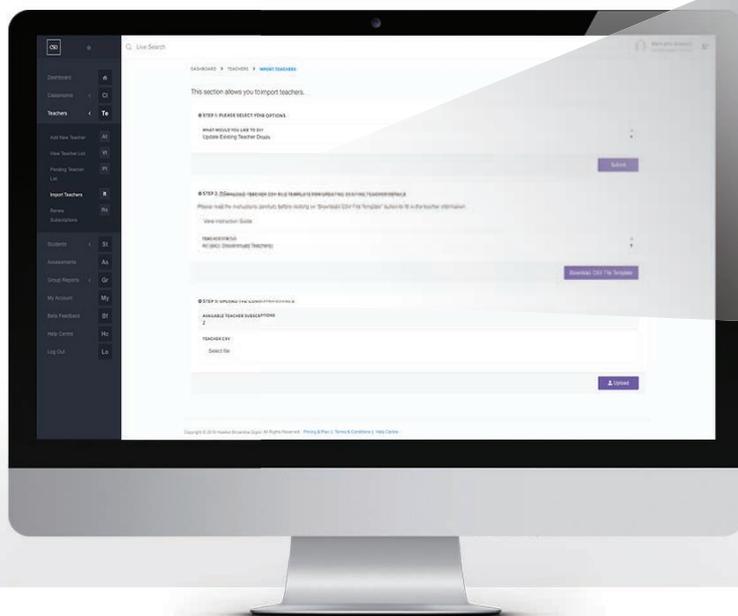
TAKE THE HEADACHE OUT OF ASSESSMENTS

CARS & STARS Online streamlines data collection and report analysis, allowing educators to improve their classroom instruction and regain their most valuable and scarce resource – time.

As students complete lessons, teachers can input, track and analyse their results for detailed assessment. The **CARS & STARS Online** allows teachers to access reports on individual students, as well as find correlations in a group of students or the entire class, making differentiated instruction easier than ever before. Like the student subscription, teachers can access **CARS & STARS Online** via their laptop, tablet, desktop PC or smartphone.

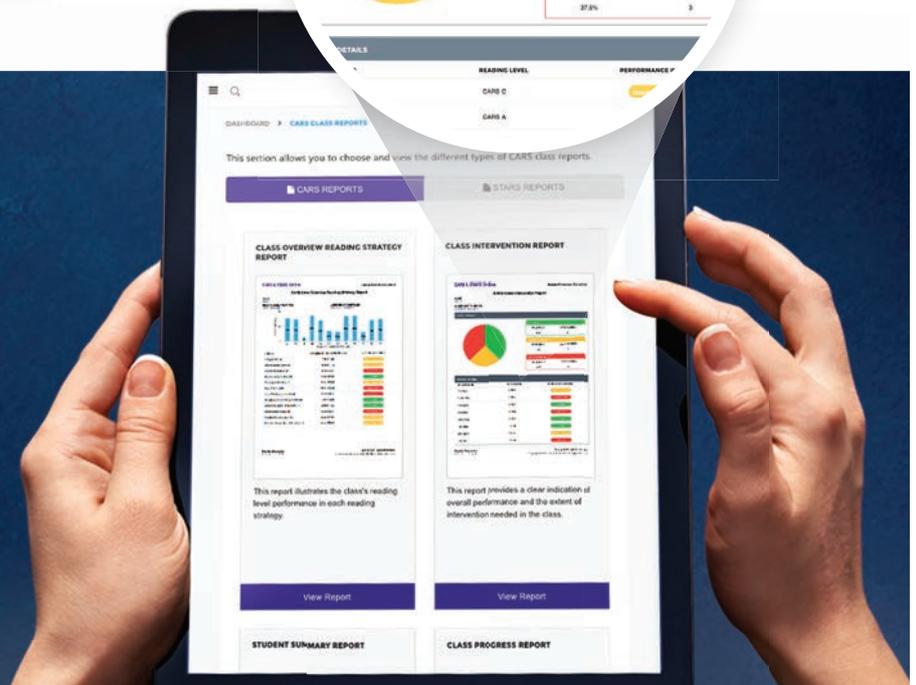
ABILITY TO IMPORT INDIVIDUALS AND CLASSES

With **CARS & STARS Online**, users can create and update multiple teacher and student accounts at the same time. Simply download the 'CSV file template' (Excel), fill out the spreadsheet provided and upload your new data to **CARS & STARS Online**.



DETAILED REPORTING FOR IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

Keeping the whole school informed on students' progress is simple thanks to **CARS & STARS Online's** detailed reporting system. Designed to be assessed not just by teachers but also principals, heads of curriculum and directors of studies, the reports show which individual students and/or classes need intervention and the key areas to target.



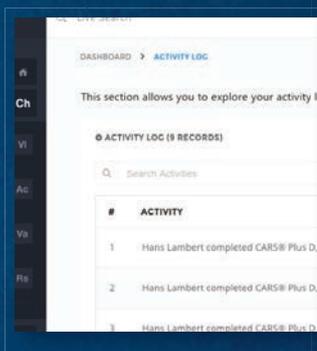


PARENT SUBSCRIPTION

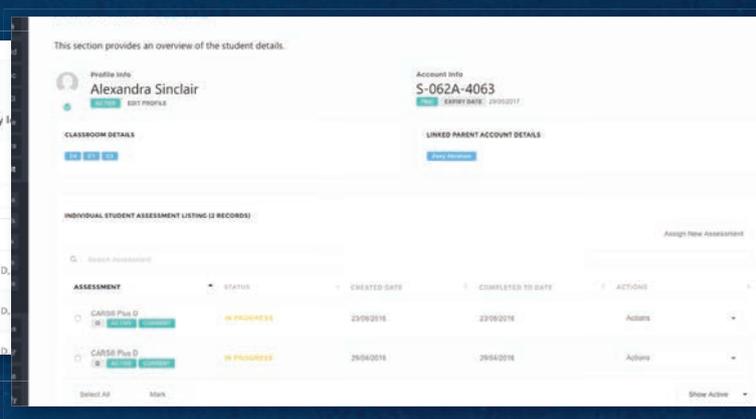
ENGAGE PARENTS WITH THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION

CARS & STARS Online allows parents to keep up to date with their child's day to day progress, while providing contextual information about their learning and important school information, all in one place. Having this service at their fingertips removes the need for constant contact with the school, which results in parents being better prepared at parent-teacher nights.

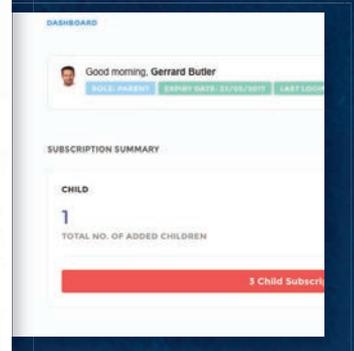
ANALYSE ACTIVITY & SET ASSESSMENTS



IN-DEPTH REPORTING FOR ALL



CREATE A FAMILY ACCOUNT



TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

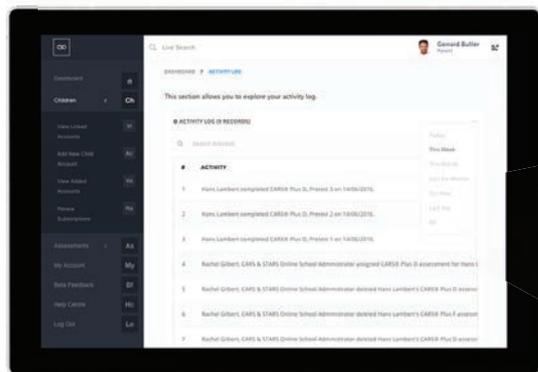
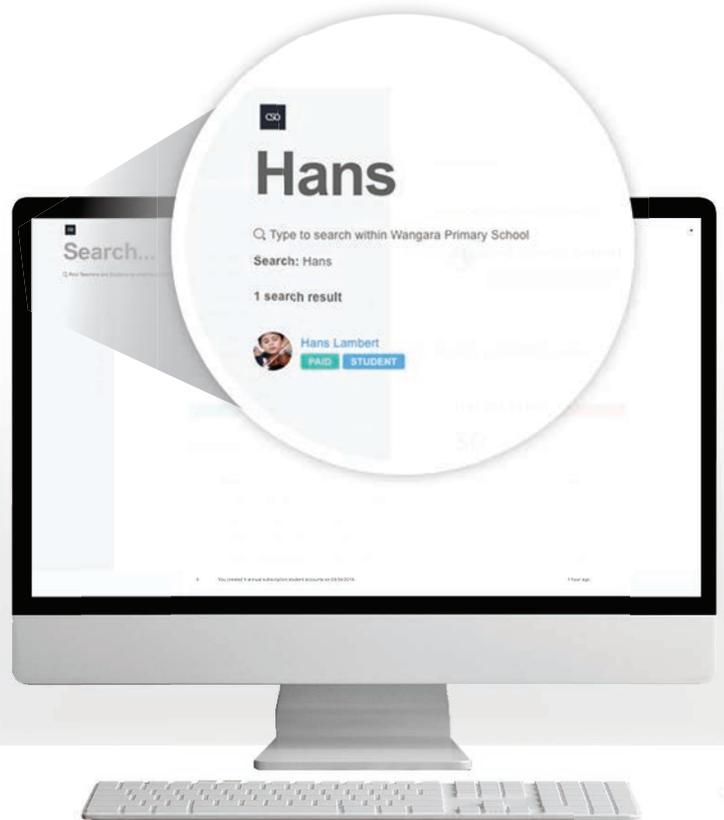
CARS & STARS Online helps parents engage in their child's learning, all from the comfort of their own home. Rather than waiting until a scheduled parent-teacher evening for a progress report, parents can monitor their child's development on a daily basis – a function unprecedented in other reading comprehension programs.

If your child's school doesn't use **CARS & STARS Online** but you would like to, you can do so by purchasing a **Parent** and **Child Subscription**.

LIVE SEARCH BAR AND PARENT DASHBOARD

Whether it's a student name, classroom or a profile, the live search bar* will help parents find what they need. By using this feature, parents can find their children quickly by entering at least the first four letters of their name. Use the live search bar to review, track and check assessments have been completed. The parent dashboard includes summaries of **Child Subscription** details and the activity log.

**Please note, the live search bar is currently unavailable on smartphones.*



- ACTIVITY**
- Hans Lambert completed CARS® Plus D, Pretest 3 on 14/06/2016.
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TAKE CONTROL OF INSTRUCTION

CARS & STARS Online lets parents take control of their child's learning. Users who purchase the **Parent** and **Child Subscriptions** can not only diagnose their child's reading comprehension abilities, but can also begin the **Instruction (STARS)** module of **CARS & STARS Plus**.

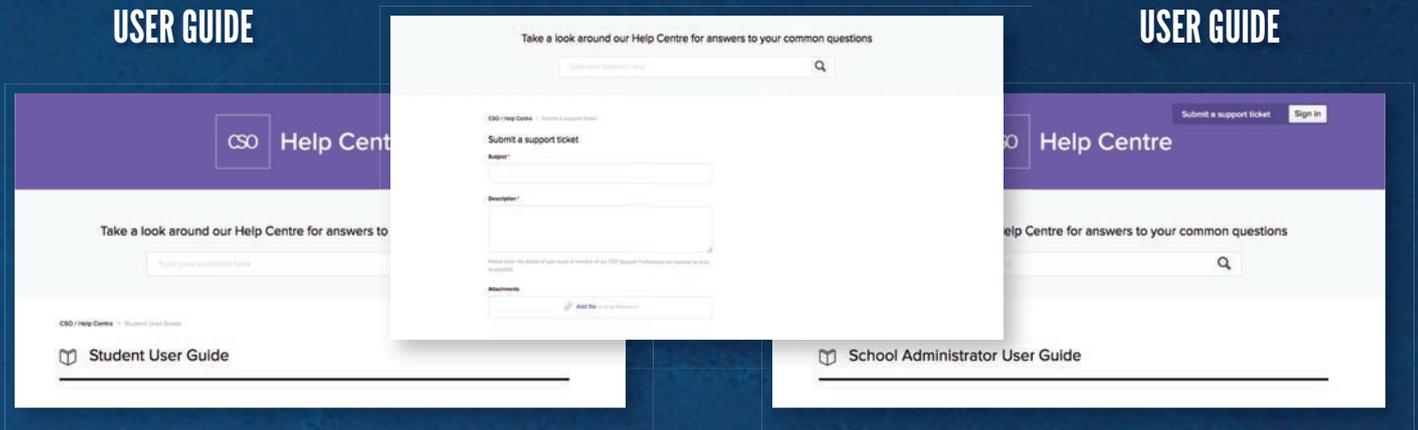
WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

With support desks located in Melbourne and a well-stocked help site full of step-by-step guidelines, community support, FAQs and a live search bar, we'll help you get the most out of your CARS & STARS Online experience. Support is never far away for teachers, students or parents.

STUDENT USER GUIDE

HELP CENTRE SUPPORT

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