

Staff Spotlight



Chevy joined the Back to Basics Tuition team in June 2013 and I have recently appointed her as our Team Leader.

Chevy brings a range of experience to our team. In 2007 to 2008 she completed her Certificate III in Community Services Work. From 2007 she was also studying a Bachelor of Human Services. "My studies in child and family services at Griffith University helped build the foundation for my current interest in working as an educator that seeks to provide a holistic approach to learning and supporting the individual needs of students. To be honest, I couldn't keep writing human service focused assignments when I really just wanted to be immersed in teaching studies and began my Bachelor of Primary Education at the beginning of this year." In 2003-2014, Chevy completed a Certificate III in Education Support. "As well as my role here at BtBT, I have been a casual teacher aide at Woodridge and Waterford West Primary Schools since April this year, supporting students in behaviour and special education programs. To further develop my understanding and teaching of the English language, I will also be starting a diploma of TESOL with Southbank Institute of TAFE within the next month." Chevy is continuing her studies towards her Bachelor of Education, whilst working as a teacher aide and as our Team Leader.

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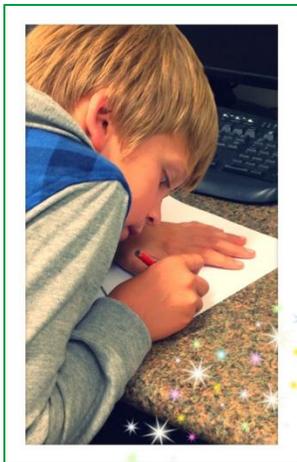
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Absence and Make-Up Days

We certainly have had a rough winter this year. The viruses, coughs, colds and flu that were going through the larger community have been brutal. This has meant that many of our students were not able to attend consistently. Now that we are well into Spring, and the weather (and health) is improving, I would like to remind everyone of our 'make-up' policy.

"Please call us as soon as possible (prior to 10:00am) if your child will not be able to make their lesson and we will do our best to **organise a make-up lesson within two weeks of the missed appointment.** This way you do not lose out on any hours and most importantly your child continues their progress towards their Learning Goals. **If less time is given, I cannot guarantee that I am able to contact staff or fill the space with another student and you may therefore be charged for the session.**

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.”



Taylor, Grade 4

What happens if my child misses a tutor-based lesson?

As long as we have **24hrs notice** there will be no penalty; this way we are able to contact the tutor and other arrangements can be made. Although we will do our best, we are not always able to reschedule these appointments due to tutor availabilities. Insufficient notice for cancellation of these appointments means that we pay our tutor and therefore have to charge you.“

In short, please book make-up lessons within two weeks to cover time missed and avoid losing that session’s hours.

Invoices and Payment Plans

For families who are on payment plans (those who have **not** paid in full or do **not** pay by the term), please ensure your payments are made on time, and as agreed (the agreed amount per payment). Although it may seem like a minor detail to you, it adds a lot of administration time for me and I would much rather spend this time on work related to students, than on chasing and recording payments. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss payment plan further.



Rakaea, Prep

Student Achievements

One of our grade 8 students has just completed her foundation math course. When she started with us she showed plenty of potential but had many gaps in her knowledge and application. She began a structured foundation math course to fill these in. She was a student who wanted to improve but needed the right support to do so. Over the last 5 months she has completed 60 hours of Math work with us, gone through 4 years worth of structured Math curriculum, and achieved an A in her school Math assignment! She is now up to speed and is working 1 hour per week with Sharni on her classroom assignments so that she can continue to excel. This is a great example of short term sacrifice for long term gain!

Two of our younger learners have also made us very proud in the last week. They have learnt to write their names with all of their letters correctly formed! Small steps are worth celebrating too 😊

Tell Your Friends

One of the things that keep a small business in operation is Word of Mouth Referrals. Please remember to tell your friends about the great work at Back to Basics Tuition and how we can help their children to achieve their best too.

Part of our mission statement is:

- To be known in the community as the only place to send your child for trusted, individualised tuition that will deliver outstanding results

We need YOU our clients to tell your friends about us to help us become known in the community as the place to go. We currently have spaces available in our Term Four timetable for more students.



If you haven't already 'liked' our Facebook page, please do so (and remember to click the get notifications button). Also, it helps us get seen, if you interact with us by liking or commenting on posts. These small things make a big difference to us and our ability to offer our service in the community.

<https://www.facebook.com/backtobasicstuition>

If you run a business and would be happy to display some of our flyers, please let me know as I would love to get them out and about a little more!

Reading at Home Hints

A conversation I have had with many parents lately has been around getting their child to read at home. We do wonderful work here in our Learning Studio to improve reading skills, but some parents still have difficulty getting their child to read at home. Here are some tips to help encourage and engage your child in reading:

- It doesn't matter *what* they are reading, it matters that they *are* reading.** Stop worrying about the genre and celebrate that they are reading. Whether it be a motorbike magazine, a cartoon based book (such as Geronimo the Mouse), something online, fact, fiction, or anything in between, it's the actual reading of words that matters.

Is your child having difficulty with school work?

Is your child reaching their full potential?

Are you or your child worried about NAPLAN testing/results?

Back to Basics Tuition is an individualised tutoring program designed to bring out the best in every student. It's never too early or too late to start on the track to improved education. We are a specialised learning studio, focused on tutoring excellence and consistent high quality results, where students work with the experts and not on their own.

At Back to Basics Tuition we:

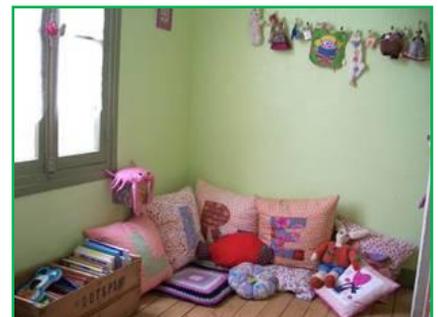
- individually assess each student (by a degree qualified teacher with more than ten years of education experience)
- develop a program which caters to individual learning needs, learning styles and confidence levels
- set goals for students
- are flexible with what we do to fit your tuition and education requirements
- work with all stages of learning: catch up, stay on track or get ahead of the pack, exam prep and adults

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Reading at Home Hints *continued*

- **Set up a special reading corner/space at home.** Having somewhere special to go to enjoy reading can make a big difference. A tidy space where books are easily accessible is important, and a level of comfort can give that little extra motivation. For older children a lamp on a table next to their bed may be enough. There are loads of easy to recreate ideas if you google 'reading nook' or 'reading corner'.
- **Read *with* your child.** Alternate between you reading to them, and them reading to you. It might be a page each, a chapter each, a book each (long or short), an article each. Make it about spending time together, not 'checking' their reading. If you know they are going to have difficulty on a particular word (especially names), tell them what it says as soon as they get to it. Your job is to give them opportunities to read and to feel good about it; our job is to teach them how to read. Mileage is important. The more they read, the better they will become. A little reading should happen every single day. Reading with your child is not just for younger students. Relationships with our children don't stop when they reach high school. Find a topic that you can share together. It could be related to a building project you can do together. Get creative and enjoy this time.

