



## At Pittwater High School

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Studies have revealed that students involved in **QuickSmart** have shown **improvement across all subjects**. We at PHS are truly lucky to have Mrs. Ferris and the P & C providing backing for this program and we thank them for their support of this remarkable program.



**QuickSmart** focuses on improving students' accuracy in Mathematics by helping them use various and appropriate strategies to solve problems. It aims to do this while also increasing students' information retrieval times.

Students are selected to enrol in the program. Pairs of students attend half hour sessions three times a week over a 30 week program. These students work on basic facts and strategies for the four mathematical operations. Activities include using flash cards, speed tests, looking at focus facts, using a computer based OZCAAS program, games and individual worksheets.



Students have shown a love for the program.

"I enjoy QuickSmart very much. I like how we play games, do flashcards and do computer work." (*John*)

"I am finding QuickSmart helps me a lot. I like the games and flashcards. The flashcards make me concentrate and the games are really fun." (*Ellie*)

"QuickSmart helps me get better with my Maths." (*Angus*)

