

Handwriting styles

Australian State Schools use five different styles of handwriting: Queensland Beginner Script, NSW Foundation, Victorian Precursive, SA Beginner Script and Tasmanian Beginner Alphabet. LEM Phonics produces resources catering for all five of these scripts, in addition to a standard 'ball and stick' manuscript. The handwriting-specific resources include workbooks 1-5, student and test books, phonogram cards, phonogram charts, and the handwriting instruction in *Teacher Book A*.

In addition to the handwriting style, NSW and Qld use a different line grid for the baseline and other reference lines. Each book shows icons on the covers denoting which script (font) is used. If there is no actual handwriting in the book the icon shows the line style.

The six different scripts used in LEM Phonics with their line styles and icons are shown below.

Standard Manuscript

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz



New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory – NSW Foundation

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz



Queensland – Queensland Beginner Script

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz



South Australia – SA Beginner Script

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz



Tasmania – Tasmanian Beginner Alphabet

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz



Victoria/Western Australia/Northern Territory – Victorian Precursive

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