



HANDWRITING – QUEENSLAND MODERN CURSIVE

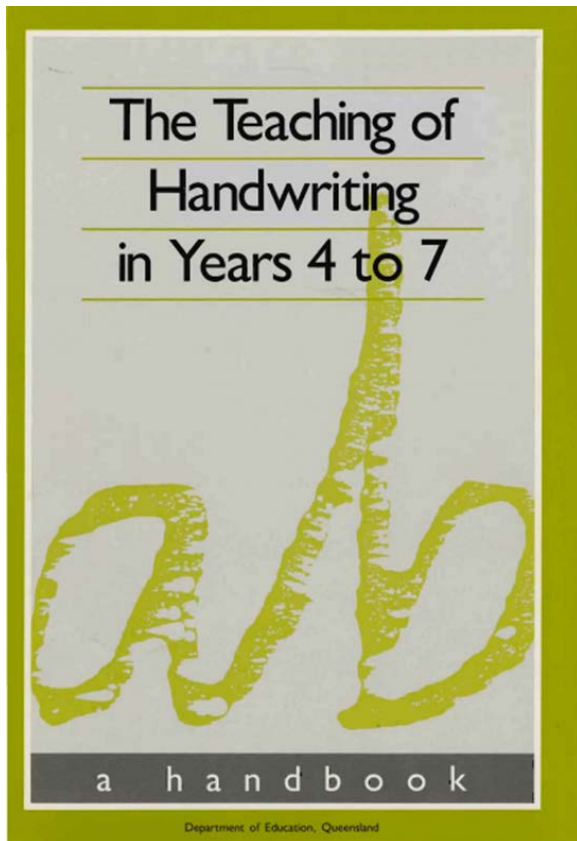
Students at Rockhampton State High School are expected to use Queensland Modern Cursive for their work in class. “Conventional handwriting scripts, along with spelling, punctuation, paragraphing, grammar, vocabulary, cohesion and generic structure, are the features of written language through which we make meaning and communicate with others.” (*The Teaching of Handwriting in Years 4-7*)

Year 7s students will be explicitly taught and refreshed on the use of Queensland Modern Cursive as part of their weekly literacy lessons. These lessons include the regular collection and analysis of handwriting samples.

Development stages of handwriting

1. Scribble stage
2. Invented letters stage (leading to the approximation of conventional letter shapes)
3. Alphabetic stage: early, advanced
4. Transition stage (developing the cursive alphabet without joining)
5. Cursive stage
6. **Development of a personal style (including a period of experimentation)**
7. **Establishment of a mature style**

Teacher Resource



References

The Teaching of Handwriting in Years 4-7 – Department of Education, Queensland