



Somerville Rise Primary School

Senior School Information 2016

Homework: In line with the schools homework policy, homework is to be relevant to what is being learnt in class and should not exceed 45 minutes per night. Students are required to complete homework on a weekly basis. Set homework tasks are designed to help your child with many skills in preparation for their secondary schooling. A major part of homework is independent reading. Could you please check that your child is reading at a minimum of 3 times per week for 15 minutes. Regular reading at home is found to improve comprehension. Students that read regularly have been found to have significantly better results in all subjects. Students that hand in 80% of their homework throughout a term will have the opportunity to participate in the homework hero's club.

Workshops: Students in the senior school participate in Maths (number skills) lessons that are created to focus on specific skills that your child needs to learn. Each student is tested before being placed into a workshop. This ensures that their learning is relevant to their point of need learning. During workshops students may move to different classrooms and work with different students and teachers. This occurs 3 to 4 times per week

Library: Each week every class has a designated time in the library. Students can borrow up to 3 books at a time. These books are to be returned within two weeks. Please ensure your child has a library bag. This may even be a shopping bag such as those found in supermarkets.

Sport: Students will participate in their own classroom Physical Education sessions on a Wednesday with our P.E teacher. On Friday from 9am-11am we have interschool sports. If your child is selected to be on a team it is important that they have a hat and appropriate sports shoes. We will be playing other schools in the region. Parents are welcome to come and watch their child play. Students not involved will be participating in a variety of sports activities aimed at building team playing skills and developing fitness.

Parent Helpers: We always look forward to parent help. If you have any time to come and listen to students read or wish to attend an excursion please talk to your class teacher. It is a Department of Education requirement that parent helpers have a current Working with Children Check. For volunteers this is a free application. If you need any further information please contact the office and they will help you with the correct documentation.

Specialist classes: In 2016 students will participate in 4 different specialist classes. These include Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Sport and I.C.T. Please see attached timetable for specialist classes. During I.C.T students need to have their headphones and USB drive available. These will be kept at school. Please make sure all your child's belongings are labelled so that they do not go missing.

Student wellbeing: Teachers in the senior school want to ensure your child has an enjoyable time at school. If children have a disagreement they are encouraged to talk to each other or if this does not work with a teacher.