

## READING SCHOOL STRATEGIES USED ACROSS SUBJECTS:

- ✚ Know the purpose of your reading.
- ✚ Conduct a Google search on your head on the topic.
- ✚ t.h.i.e.v.e the text to 'steal' as much information as possible about it (T title, H heading, I introduction, E every first sentence, V vocab and visuals, E end of chapter questions).
- ✚ Use your elimination strategy to remove the least likely answers and narrow in on the most likely answer.

## SUGGESTED HOME STRATEGIES:

- Encourage your child to read in interest areas like sport and music.
- Logon to free reading sites (see suggested home Reading resources).
- Read with your child and ask them how and why questions about the text. Ask your child to predict what might be on the next page or next chapter.
- Turn the captions on television ([www.caphat.com.au](http://www.caphat.com.au) will explain why).
- Encourage your child to logon to free Youtube audiobooks and enjoy being read to before going to sleep.
- Encourage reading. There is a strong link between improved reading and writing.
- Suggest your child use an electronic device to record a verbal response to the topic. Get them to transcribe their ideas on paper.
- Encourage your child to proof-read all written responses to tasks and assignments. Encourage them to share their writing with you and respond to your suggestions.
- Be aware of due dates for all assignments. Encourage time management around submission of rough drafts to the teacher.
- Encourage a set amount of time on the free online writing programs (see suggested home Writing resources).

## SPELLING

### SCHOOL STRATEGIES USED ACROSS SUBJECTS:

- ✚ Break difficult words into syllables. Sound them out. Talk like a robot in your head to help you break the word up.
- ✚ Look for smaller words in bigger words.
- ✚ Know spelling rules for endings. For example, if a word ends in ic you add ally (magic magically, tragic tragically).
- ✚ Learn basic word origins (e.g. geo means earth). There is a basic etymology list on the web [here](#).
- ✚ Learn the spelling rules in [Spelling Essentials](#).
- ✚ Learn spelling lists and carefully proof-read dictation given in most subjects.

### SUGGESTED HOME STRATEGIES:

- Encourage your child to complete their spelling homework.
- Encourage a set amount of time each week to work on one of the free online spelling programs (Resources).
- Encourage use of a dictionary and proof-read all homework and assignments.
- Download the free app Words with friends and play Scrabble online with a friend.
- Play games with words. Introduce a word for the week and use it as many times as possible that week.

## GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

### SCHOOL STRATEGIES USED ACROSS SUBJECTS:

- ✚ Know when to use capital letters and full stops as well as commas, exclamation marks and question marks.
- ✚ Know when to use colons and semicolons and the difference between them.
- ✚ Know when to use brackets, hyphens and apostrophes.
- ✚ Know how and when to use inverted commas.
- ✚ Know and be able to identify nouns, verbs, articles, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions and conjunctions.

### SUGGESTED HOME STRATEGIES:

- Encourage your student to proof-read written responses for punctuation and grammar.
- View some of the Youtube songs around grammar and punctuation (Check out Schoolhouse Rock sites).
- Encourage a set amount of time each week to work on one of the free online grammar and punctuation programs (suggested home resources for Grammar and punctuation).

### NUMERACY SCHOOL STRATEGIES USED ACROSS SUBJECTS:

- ✚ Understand the problem. Use a highlighter and mark the question that is being asked. Re-state the problem in your own words. Clarify the problem.
- ✚ Devise a plan to solve the problem. Different people use different strategies to solve the same problem. You should develop a bank of 'working mathematically' strategies. Choose from a bank of skills that work for you.
- ✚ Use your strategies or carry out your plan. Get pen on paper.
- ✚ Look back or ask if your answer makes sense. Is the answer reasonable?
- ✚ Be mindful of time, especially if you are being tested.

### SUGGESTED HOME STRATEGIES:

- Look for and engage your child in practical numeracy activities around the home (doubling a recipe, working out prices and change).
- Encourage your child to understand the measures used for money, weight and distance, time volume and area in and around the home.
- Encourage and engage your child in simple addition, multiplication, subtraction and division around the home. Try the number plate game. When you see a number plate on a passing vehicle ask your child to add the numbers, subtract the numbers or multiply the numbers.
- Engage your child in opportunities around fractions, especially halves, thirds and quarters.
- Encourage a set amount of time each week to work on one of the free online numeracy programs (suggested home resources for Numeracy). In particular, explore the online maths dictionary for easily understood definitions of maths concepts.

## **Suggested Resources for Parents to use at home (External Links):**

### **Reading:**

- <https://readtheory.org/>
- <https://www.bookadventure.com/>
- <https://nextup.com/TextAloud/index.html>

### **Writing**

- <http://www.spellingcity.com>
- <http://www.funenglishgames.com>
- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Dictionary.html>

### **Spelling**

- <http://www.spellingcentre.com.au>
- <http://www.spellingcity.com> (Some parts are free)
- <http://www.literacyplanet.com>
- <https://wordlegame.org/>

### **Numeracy**

- <http://www.mymathsonline.com.au/>
- <http://www.mathsisfun.com>
- <http://www.thatquiz.org>
- <http://amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.html>
- <http://www.studyladder.com.au>