



Larrakeyah Primary School
Pathways to Excellence

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a positive and supportive learning environment that encourages students to strive for high academic success. We aim to instil a desire for life-long learning and to promote leadership and responsible citizenship.

BACKGROUND

Larrakeyah Primary School has become immersed in Visible Learning which is based on the research of John Hattie. As part of his research, Hattie has created a formula for measuring effect size in student's learning (an effect size is the measure of a phenomenon in a population). Hattie's research shows that traditional homework has an effect size of 0.29. Hattie states anything below 0.4 does not have a significant effect in developing student's learning. However the research does conclude that there are three activities that students can complete at home that does have a positive impact on both learning and wellbeing and they are:

1. Home reading.
2. Activities that promote automaticity in literacy skill and development – for example spelling and sight words.
3. Activities that promote automaticity in numeracy skills and development – for example learning times tables.

Home Learning: Whole School

Larrakeyah Primary School encourages parents to listen to their child as often as possible and to discuss school activities daily. The primary objective of doing home learning is to bring aspects of school life into the home. It can be useful for parents to review and discuss their child's efforts with them. Students who are on Lexile will have the opportunity to select books from the library to read. Students who are on PM levels are encouraged to read their PM reading book/s.

Home Learning: Early Childhood (Transition- Year Two)

Written homework is not an expectation for children in these year levels. Rather, we encourage oral reading each night.

Shared reading is an important way for parents to assist in literacy development. Students are provided with levelled readers to complete throughout the week and are encouraged to return them daily. Students are also provided with a log on and password for Reading Eggs (www.readingeggs.com.au) to use at home.

To assist students with their literacy development it is strongly encouraged that students develop a bank of Sight Words. These will be provided for your child within their homework book/folder.

Teachers are able to suggest many ways in which parents can assist children to develop literacy and numeracy skills. Any other home learning (oral language, mathematics) is set at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Please discuss your child's homework needs with the teacher if required.

Home Learning: Middle and Upper Primary (Year Three – Year 6)

Students in Middle and Upper Primary will be given spelling words to practise every night. Consistent reading is important for students to continue to develop their reading skills. Students are provided with levelled readers or will borrow a levelled Literacy Pro book from the library to complete throughout the week. It is expected that middle and upper primary students are reading each night.

Additional work may also be given by the classroom teacher in the form of:

- Oral language presentations
- Novel studies
- Project work
- Incomplete class work

Additional Activities

Parents who wish to offer extra learning opportunities for their children, can do so in two ways:

1. Access the websites listed on the following page – which have been carefully selected for educational purposes and value.
2. Complete an activity from the following page.

Additional Activities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help cook a meal for the family • Help out or plant a garden • Plan some sort of fitness activity for your family to take part in • Care for the family animal by cleaning or exercising your pet • Take part in a local cultural activity • Plan and perform a show for your family • Write a book • Write a story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a PowerPoint on a topic of interest • Make a video • Wash the dishes • Design a new game to play with your friends • Create a Maths, English or general knowledge quiz • Visit Darwin City Library • Visit the museum at Bullocky Point • Visit the war museum at East Point • Visit the Chinese temple
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Suggested Websites

Website	Subject Ares	Year Level
http://school.discoveryeducation.com/homeworkhelp/	Mathematics English Social Studies	3-6
http://www.funbrain.com/kidscenter.html	Mathematics English	3-6
https://www.khanacademy.org/	Mathematics	4-6
http://www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/	English	T-2
http://www.xpmath.com/	Mathematics	4-6
http://www.arcademics.com/	Mathematics	3-6
http://education.qld.gov.au/library/eresources/vbook/rosie-wallace.html	English	T-2
https://www.studyladder.com.au/	Mathematics English	2-6
http://www.mathsonline.com.au/	Mathematics	T-6
http://www.abc.net.au/countusin/	Mathematics	T-3
https://au.ixl.com/	Mathematics	3-6
www.readingeggs.com.au	English	T-4
http://www.mathletics.com.au/	Mathematics	T - 6
http://www.fireflyeducation.com.au/ Please note, you will need to ask classroom teacher for a log in	English	T-6