



MAXIMISE YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC SUCCESS.

Part I Organisation

It takes a combination of skills: organisation, time management, prioritisation, concentration and motivation – to achieve academic success. Here are some tips to help

get your child on the right track.

Talk to your child to find out which of these skills they have and which need further development.

Listen for clues. Is your child overwhelmed by assignments? Does your child have difficulty completing work? Is your child easily distracted?

Whether it's keeping track of research materials or remembering to bring home a lunch box, children need to be organised to succeed in school. For many students, academic challenges are related more to a lack of organisation than to a lack of intellectual ability.

Tips to help get your child organised:

Make a check list of things your child needs to take to school each day. Put a copy by the door at home, or on the fridge, and one in the child's school bag. Try to check with the child each day to see if he/she remembers the items on the list.

In the Secondary Years, look at the Student Diary with your child, and also your child's workbooks to see how he/she organises his/her work. In the Primary Years plan the homework activities which will be done each evening, so everything is completed by the time it's due.

Shop with your child for tools which will help them stay organised eg: coloured binders and labels.

Ensure that common stationery requirements are readily accessible in the homework area at home.

Organise a place for your child to work away from distractions, uncluttered with objects and papers, magazines etc. These are places where work can easily be lost, accidentally thrown out or damaged.

Adapted from Greatschools.net

Deborah McWatters (Deputy Principal)

DEVOTIONS

In 1 Samuel 16:7 the LORD said to Samuel "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." (NIV)

When God looks at you what does He see? What God sees is the truth. God sees you as an incredible creation who can change the world. God sees you as an intelligent being with unlimited potential to make the world a better place. Some people think that all God sees is our sin. It is true God sees our sin but God also sees the more important part of you...the important part of you that Christ died to save.

"The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

When God looks at you He sees all your potential. When God looks at you, He also sees all the pain, the hurt, the disappointment, and the yearnings. God looks upon you with kindness, tenderness, and love in His eyes. We keep no secrets from God. We may live in denial about who and what we are, but we keep no

secrets from God.

God lives within His children and works within us to bring us peace, love, strength. God loves us and His love is without limits.

Melinda Mumberson (Infants Learning Manager)

THE UPRISING

During the Easter holidays, our very own school captain, Lawrence Muskitta, helped run a youth conference at Hillsong Church for young people. The conference was called 'The Uprising' and it aimed to equip and empower students to rise up and "be the change" in their high school. Lawrence spoke during the conference about the importance of being in a relationship with God and of evangelism within our schools. He spoke clearly and confidently and you could hear the passion he has to see young people's lives changed. Overall the conference was a great success. Well done Lawrence!



Emily Wood (Year 12 student)

ARRIVE ALIVE



On the final day of Term 1, Year 10 was visited by two players from the Penrith Panthers and a spokesperson from the Arrive Alive Road Safety Team. They spoke to us about safe driving and how to survive on the road as a young person with all the decisions we will have to make. With so many people in the room having their Learner licences, it was a very important issue for us.



A local police officer also spoke to us about her encounters and the tragedies she has seen on the roads as part of her job. It was a valuable experience for all of us and gave us a lot to think about over the coming years as we all get our licences.

Joel Smith (Year 10 student)

NOTICE BOARD

Sydney Writers' Festival 2009

Blacktown Arts Centre

Saturday 23 May

11am: CODED, wordplay of new technologies & media

2.30pm: Tongue Tide - A conversation about writing for performance with diverse communities

Max Webber Library, Blacktown

Tuesday 19 May, 6.30pm - 7.30pm

John Flanagan in conversation
Best known for his internationally bestselling children's adventure series, *Ranger's Apprentice*.

For further information please see Insite.

TODDLERS EXPO

HEALTH EDUCATION STORIES DIET SLEEPING PARENTING LANGUAGE

PHONE JOAN - 4574 0839

front assembly hall of NORWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE Riverstone Baptist Church Cnr McCulloch and Regent St, RIVERSTONE

22nd MAY 2009 7PM

Limited space is available in the cry room for under 4's to play in.
Supervision will be present in the room.

Fed up with Junk food ads targeting your kids?

(Cancer Council)

Children see around 10 food ads on television every day, and almost two-thirds are for unhealthy foods. This means children see around 18 hours of junk food ads per year - the equivalent of three full school days! When one in four Australian children are obese or overweight, why does the government continue to allow advertising of unhealthy food to children? Add your voice to the Cancer Council's campaign by going to www.burgercorp.com.au and telling Minister Roxon that you, like 9 out of 10 parents, support a ban on advertising of unhealthy foods when children are watching television.

The Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo 2009 at Randwick Racecourse

Friday 15, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May, 10am till 5pm

An important event for Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students and their parents. A number of the HSC subject seminars will be presented by the Board of Studies. Admission is \$10 or \$25 for families. Admission is valid for all three days, includes the seminars, a comprehensive Visitor Guide and The Sydney Morning Herald.

Visit www.heraldeducation.com.au for further information

Competitions

A letter has been sent home this week outlining the academic competitions for which your child registered. If you have not received a letter, your child is not registered for any academic competitions.

TERM 2 2009

TERM 2 WEEK 4A

19 May P&F Meeting

TERM 2 WEEK 5B

27 May Computer Competition

28 May Secondary CIS Cross Country

29 May Athletics Carnival (Y3 - 12)

TERM 2 WEEK 6A

5 June Infants Athletics Carnival

TERM 2 WEEK 7B

8 June Queen's Birthday Holiday

9 June Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

10 June Science Competition

11-12 June Year 9 and 10 core exams