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CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Introduction to Home Reading in Prep

We would like to welcome you to our Home Reading Program for 2020.

The aim of home reading is to provide your child with an opportunity to engage in reading experiences at home where they can be supported one on one with a family member. We aim for this experience to be positive and enjoyable and for your child to practice and improve the skills taught at school as well as developing confidence and a love of reading.

To ensure we provide the children with reading experiences that will create passionate readers, we would like to begin our reading program by having you read to your child at home. Your child will choose two books of their choice from the library and will bring them home to share with you. Included with these books are guided questions to ask your child after reading these stories to support their development in comprehension, which is a vital element in their reading development. This will allow you to establish a reading routine, which will also assist in preparing your child to begin reading to you. Please take the time to make this a special experience with your child; under a tree in the garden, snuggling up on the couch with a cuddly toy- anything that creates a wonderful association with reading. Your child will learn more from listening to you read than you expect and will value the time spent with you. **This will begin in week 7 and in Term 2 we will begin to include readers for your child to read to you.**

When you first receive your child's Home Reading bag, we have included information to support you and the important role you play as your child's first educator in their journey into reading. There is also a logbook to record their reading experiences and some tips to help your child; this needs to be returned on your *child's allocated day when they are required to bring their home reading bag back to school. Each child will bring their bag back on a different day of the week. This will be communicated to you through SeeSaw.*

"The more that you read, the more things you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." –Dr Seuss

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