

# 2012 STUDENT GUIDE

## How to Best Use the Learning Curve

### Primary Planner

- To help get yourself organised and enjoy life and school more, the guide below really works
- Getting what you want from life and school won't just happen, you have to make it happen
- Aim to be self-managed, be in control of you because your future is in your hands

At the **beginning** of the year and each Term complete the following to help you tune into life and learning:

- **My Checklist** - things to do that will see you achieve personal bests
- **Goals: Directions and Dreams** - believe that if you can dream it you can do it
- **My Performance Last Term** and **My Guidelines** - are there things to improve?
- **Goal Action Plan** - what do you want to get out of this year and how are you going to do it?

To discover **better** ways to learn, complete the following early in first Term:

- **Healthy Living: Right Balance** - your health is your wealth
- **Thinking Tools** - opportunities for you to think in better ways
- **Habits of Mind** - time to start thinking about your thinking
- **Multiple Intelligences: My Learning Style** - what are your special talents?
- **Learning Skills** - Understand more about yourself. How do you learn best?
- Re-read **Bullying and Harassment: No Way** - be confident and happy in yourself

### Index

- Read the Index to learn about the many tips and strategies to help you make your best better
- When you are asked to do something, look up the Index for the best way to do it
- Make this a Do It Yourself guide to personal bests

### Daily Home Learning/Books Read and Things To Do

- Every night plan the main things you need to do the next day and books you have read
- Write them down in order of importance and tick them off when you complete them
- In class, write down home learning and due dates immediately your teacher tells you

## **Weekly Focuses**

- Read the skills/strategy often over the week to absorb it
- They show you better ways to do things and you will see yourself improve when you use them
- Every week discuss the focus with your classmates, family and teachers, everyone understands it

## **Weekly Number Skills/Problems**

- Complete these to build your Math and Problem Solving abilities - make your best better
- Ask your family to help you complete the exercises and problems - teamwork helps you
- Correct the work and record your progress in the planner - see yourself improving

## **Spelling**

- Look up the meaning of the word in a dictionary and use it in a sentence - improve your writing
- Look for the words when you read - see how other people use them
- Aim to use them in your writing and everyday conversations - see your best getting better

## **Home Learning Log**

- As you complete a learning session at home, cross it off - see your efforts building
- Aim to complete the required number of sessions each week - it's for you, make this your conscience
- Check your Home Learning timetable every fortnight to keep in control - any changes needed?

## **Did You Know That, General Knowledge and Wellbeing Tip**

- Read the weekly insert of what occurred in history to build your general knowledge - know more
- Read the 'Did You Know That', research it further and learn new things about your world
- Think about the wellbeing advice - can it help you enjoy life and school more?

## **Reflection Time: My Learning Goals/Healthy Eating and Exercise**

- Complete a reflection of your learning and health at the end of every month - any changes needed?
- Reflect on how you are progressing towards achieving your learning goals and healthy life - on track?
- Discuss your reflections with your family and teachers - their advice will help you

***"Initiative is doing the right thing without being told." Victor Hugo***