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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 2019. The children have chosen some books and are very excited to be taking them home to share with you.

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 and develop confidence and a love of reading.

There are many types of books available to support your child as they learn to read and many wonderful authors to capture the imagination. Please note that home readers and phonic readers have a great purpose in supporting early readers and assisting in the development of crucial reading skills. However, due to the purpose of the home readers being for early readers there is limited language and depth in the story/information. Therefore, home readers should not be the only aspect of a quality reading experience, as they will not help your child develop a true love of reading.

To ensure we provide the children with reading experiences that will make them want to learn to read, 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. 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 time with your child- grab their favourite cuddly toy, a snuggly cushion and a blanket if it is cool, even a pet if they are willing to sit still! Find a quiet place where your child will be able to enjoy the experience and time you give them. Your child will learn more from listening to you read than you expect and will value the special attention you give them. In approximately week 7 we will begin to include readers for your child to read to you. Please also be assured daily class stories will be an important part of our day at school to help foster your child's interest in reading.

Happy Reading!

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