

Independent Learning Newsletter Tips

Top Tips For Parents

Just a reminder that our school is a subscriber this year to the study skills website www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

This is a website with units of work on different study skills topics, as well as facilities to ask study skills questions, download podcasts about how students can improve their results as well as other resources and planning templates.

Each month new content and features are added to the site (you can see what has been added by clicking on the 'For Students' tab and then clicking on the 'What's New' button).

One of the new things added this month is a 3 page 'Top Tips For Parents' handout. Click on the 'For Parents' tab when you log into www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and you will see a link to this handout. Some examples of the types of tips on this handout are as follows:

- It is a great idea for students to set up a folder for each subject that stays at home – somewhere to file away past tests, assignments, completed topics and to keep everything together for that subject.
- Students should work on homework first, then assignments or test preparation. After this students need to look for other things they can do to enhance their understanding of their subjects, such as making study notes, doing extra questions, revising earlier topics.
- The best way to deal with distractions is to work in half hour blocks with no distractions during this time. This means during the half hour blocks allocated to schoolwork, no Facebook, TV etc – not for the whole night, just for those half hour blocks.
- One of the biggest mistakes students make is leaving their study notes until just before their exams. One of the best habits students can get into is doing their study notes throughout the year, at the end of each topic is a good time to do this. Whenever students don't have much homework, they should be working on study notes.

So learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by going to the links section in your portal and opening the ELES handbook.

