

Home Learning at the ISM

Rationale

Educating the whole student is central to our philosophy. After the school day, many students are involved in sports teams, music lessons, or first language learning - all of which help in developing the whole student. At the completion of each school day, it is also important for students to have time to relax with family and friends.

Making home learning meaningful

Although there are many differing opinions on homework, research is conclusive that only home learning that is meaningful will have a positive impact on student learning. As such, it is our belief that any home learning assigned should promote a love of learning which encourages positive learning experiences between students, parents and teachers. It should also recognize the importance of balance in our students' busy lives.

Home reading

Reading is a vital part of a student's development in primary school and all students should have daily opportunities to read in order to help develop and maintain fluency and comprehension. Reading also helps build vocabulary and develop writing skills. In Primary school, we recommend that students spend a minimum of fifteen minutes each day reading independently or with an adult. In Secondary school, we encourage ongoing revision and academic reading to extend students' in-class learning.

Other home learning tasks

Home learning, whether home reading or other tasks, should be meaningful and appropriate to the Grade level of the student.

Any homework assignment is based on the following:

- It should support the ISM philosophy
- It should have a distinct purpose

It should be an enriching and meaningful experience related to classroom learning that allows families to support learning at home.