

## "ACTIVE AND QUESTIONING LEARNING"

It is important for students to adopt an *active and questioning* approach in class to their learning; being interested and engaged are the keys and it's our responsibility to light the fire in them.

Turning up to a lesson, sitting there quietly and hoping that the body will somehow absorb knowledge is unrealistic, non-productive and very boring for students. Enthusiastic participation in class will yield increased understanding, better comprehension and a more enjoyable learning experience all round.

Encouraging students to adopt a *can do* attitude and *want to* approach is vital. Asking, "How can I use this knowledge?" "How can I apply it to new situations?" "How can I make predictions based on this knowledge?" Being willing and able to extend their current reality with new knowledge is rich learning.

In each of the Junior, Middle and Senior planners are focuses that encourage students to be engaged in class and take an active and questioning approach to their learning:-

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Being involved, actively questioning and engaged during lessons will increase both the students' level of understanding and enjoyment at school considerably.

When students are happy and stimulated real learning occurs.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding your son/daughter's progress please do not hesitate to contact his/her Year Level Co-ordinator/Advisor.

"Learning is not the filling of the bucket, but the lighting of the fire." Anon