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## FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR OF TEACHING & LEARNING

## It's complicated - but there are ways to help crack the code.

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers into the Junior School Library last Tuesday for our information session on InitiaLit in the Kindergarten to Year 2 classrooms. Over 70 people came to hear about this new program, and discover ways to support their children grow in confidence and skill.

Mrs Lawler reminded those who attended of the critical role home reading plays in developing successful reading habits. Talking to your children in the younger grades about sounds in words, and breaking words up into parts are some ways to support the learning happening in the classroom.

Older students have been working hard to develop their reading skills across many different types of texts. What types of texts would you find challenging to understand? What strategies do you use when you don't understand what you are reading in those texts? Talking to your children about these strategies helps them crack the code of reading.

Reading is an incredibly complex task, yet it is so worthwhile to pursue. It will help with success in learning, as well as bring enjoyment and relaxation into life.



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