2017 LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

St Joseph's School conducts a Learning Assistance Program (LAP), which is a special program for students at our school who would benefit from individual time spent with a caring adult. The aim of the program is to firstly, identify children that could potentially benefit from one to one contact (for a vast variety of reasons) with an adult volunteer tutor, and, secondly to actually place the children with an appropriate tutor.

Should you be interested in volunteering for the program as a tutor, volunteers enter the program with an understanding of the 6 C’s of LAP, Communication, Commitment, Care, Confidentiality, Content and Co-operation. A brochure is available from the LAP Coordinator if you firstly are interested to read more information about the program. Please note: all volunteers require a Police Check. (Forms are available in the Front Office).

Marie Polvere
LAP Coordinator

Learning Assistance Program Return Slip
(Please complete and return to your child’s Class Teacher)

Attention LAP Coordinator
(Please tick which is applicable)

☐ I was a LAP Volunteer in 2016 and would like to continue in 2017.

My LAP child in 2016 ________________________________

☐ I have not been a part of LAP previously, but would like to join in 2017.

I can give __________________ hour per week (e.g. ½, 1 hour etc.)

☐ I may be interested in volunteering, but I would like more information.

Name: ________________________________

Child’s class: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

I have a current Police Check Clearance. YES / NO
The Learning Assistance Programme Information for Volunteers

LAP is a special programme for children who would benefit from individual time with a caring adult. Parents or volunteers from the school, parish or community work with an individual student who has been identified as needing support. The key to the success of LAP is the positive relationship which is fostered between the student and the LAP volunteer. The volunteer has an important role in enhancing the self-esteem and confidence of the student they are working with.

The Role of the Volunteer
The role of the volunteer can be summarised in the “Six C’s of LAP”.

Communication
The programme requires a minimum of thirty minutes per week. More crucial that the thirty minutes however, is the commitment to meeting with the student regularly and consistently. We also have a number of support meetings throughout the year when the LAP tutors get together to support and listen to each other.

Care
The volunteer needs to care enough to listen, to share and to help develop the confidence of their student.

Confidentiality
You must be prepared to respect the confidential nature of the programme.

Content
The teacher will plan the content of your session. As time goes on you to may suggest to the teacher some ideas based on your experience with the child.

The volunteer works in partnership with the teachers providing support and assistances for students.