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Teaching & Learning Information for Parents & Carers

Topic Area: Using Flashcards



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Using flashcards is a repetition strategy. They are a simple ‘cue’ on the front and an ‘answer’ on the back. Flashcards engage students in “active recall”, which means they are creating connections with their memory.

Research shows that using flashcards can enhance long-term learning and help students to memorise facts quickly. Flashcards are not an effective method for last-minute cramming!

Studies have found that it’s more effective to review a whole stack of cards in one sitting rather than to carry them around and have students glance at them every so often.

## Using Flashcards



Support your child by doing the following:

- Encourage your child to make flashcards as part of their revision strategy. The key is to have a question or key term on one side and the answer or definition on the other. Suggest using different colours for topics to help categorise information and to keep them neat. Flashcards containing just notes are not effective.
- Try testing your child using the flashcards and give them time to digest the question before answering. If they get the answer right, don't discard the card – they need to keep repeating it again and over time.
- When using the flashcards, help your child review their cards using a system.

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