



# ST CYRES SCHOOL'S LITERACY FOCUS



## FOR YOUR WRITING TO LOOK ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL, PAY ATTENTION TO...

**Homophones:** Words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings (such as: *their / there / they're* or *bear / bare*)

**Homonyms:** Words that have the same spelling and pronunciation but different meanings (such as: *bat (the animal) and bat (sports equipment)*)

**Homographs:** Words that are spelt the same but may have different meanings and pronunciations (such as: *tear (to rip) and tear (from crying)*)

**Synonyms:** Words with similar meanings (such as *big and large* or *to begin and to start*)

**Antonyms:** Words with opposite meanings (such as *hot and cold* or *happy and sad*)

WRITING CLEARLY AND ACCURATELY IS A VERY IMPORTANT SKILL THAT WILL HELP YOU IN MANY WAYS THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE.

WRITING AND TEXTING ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT THINGS!  
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