

Frequently Asked Questions

How much time should I allow to complete each activity?

From Year 2, the GO Maths activities will vary in duration from 45–60 minutes depending on you and your students. The ring binder Teacher Sourcebook allows you to add your favourite activities where you see fit.

I really like the GO Maths program, but I teach a multi-age class. What should I do?

The units have been aligned across year levels as much as possible. For example, the third unit in each year level is on measurement. This allows you to teach the same topic across a number of ages.

The GO Figure book appears to be very different to other "mentals" books that I have seen. I have never used one before, so do I really need it?

Ongoing mental computation practice is essential in any sound mathematics program. The GO Figure pages have been designed for fun, purposeful practice. They are organised according to thinking strategies and are not just a random collection of examples to keep students busy.

The workbook I used last year had pages and pages of written algorithms. These "busy" pages do not appear in GO Maths. Why not?

In keeping with the spirit of the syllabus, GO Maths actively promotes the development of mental computation strategies. Mental strategies are considered to be the first choice for computation. At each stage there are units that stress recording methods. Contexts are set in these units that will enable you to teach formal algorithms if you choose.

I prefer not to teach an idea for 5 days straight. How does GO Maths cater for my style of teaching?

Research shows that students develop greater understanding and retention of skills if there is a period of time spent on one focus. However, you could break 2 units over 2 weeks if you choose

What opportunities are there for students to apply what they have learnt?

From Year 1, each unit of work provides an ongoing enquiry activity where students can demonstrate what they have learned. Activities in the Student Journal also provide opportunities for investigations and applications.