

HOMWORK POLICY



St Joseph's Primary School

RATIONALE:

It is a policy of St Joseph's Primary School that each child will be encouraged to "develop responsibility for their own learning" by participating in the school homework program. A homework policy also enables teachers and carers to work more fully in partnership, given that the guidelines are clear and support is mutual.

FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS:

- Appropriate homework is valuable in the fostering of children's development.
- There can be diverse homework practices between grades.
- Homework provides opportunities for students in planning, organizing time and creating relevant study habits.
- Homework reaffirms the role of parents / carers as partners in education.

AIMS:

Homework will allow children to:

1. Practice and apply skills as well as reinforce some concepts at school,
2. Develop organisations skills and independent work habits,
3. Develop a range of skills by accessing using information resources,
4. Become responsible for their self-learning (age and ability appropriate),

Parents will be able to:

1. Assist their children's education by monitoring homework activities,
- 2 View homework as an indication of current class considerations,
- 3 Communicate relevant information to the teacher about homework activity,
4. Show interest and involvement in the child's progress at school.

Teachers will be able to:

1. Communicate relevant information or considerations to home.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Homework will usually be given on a “contractual basis” (assigned over a designated period of time) to allow families the opportunity to timetable homework into their specific schedules. Prescribed nightly homework to be assessed the next morning will be the exception rather than the rule.

To enable families to continue to be an integral part of their child’s Religious Education the textbook, “To Know, Worship and Love” will be sent home for study throughout the course of the year.

Completion of homework is recorded on children’s semester report cards.

Recommended weekly time allocation for homework **including reading time** is as follows:

K-2 : 50 minutes Middle Primary : 80 minutes Senior Primary : 120 minutes

Recommended time allocations act as a guide. If homework is unfinished in the time allocation a carer’s/ parent’s signature will indicate an effort has been made. A note indicating where your child may be experiencing difficulties would be worthwhile.

It is ideal if children can complete their homework activities in a quiet area free from distractions. Children can benefit from assistance in beginning tasks, discussing ideas, researching, organising and collecting resources, and checking over completed work.

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