



St Joseph's School

Homework Policy

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RATIONALE

St Joseph's believes that homework is a part of the whole school learning programme. It is an integral part of children's education. It helps maintain communication between the school and home on the child's academic growth and reinforces basic skills and concepts taught in class. Homework should be regular, relaxed and non-threatening. Children should be given homework, which involves familiar concepts or skills. Parents should not be required to "teach" anything to their child as part of set homework. Homework, which creates stress in the child or the parent, should be discontinued and a note of explanation sent to the teacher the next day. Homework should provide a time for parents to positively reinforce and encourage their children's efforts.

PRINCIPLES

St Joseph's Primary School acknowledges that the students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate independence and ownership for their own learning.
 2. Confidently complete clear, relevant and purposeful homework assignments.
 3. Demonstrate an understanding of concepts taught in class to complete set homework.
 4. Develop regular, independent study habits.
 5. Receive feedback from their teacher as soon as possible after completing their homework.
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PROCEDURES

The staff of St Joseph's Primary School is committed to:

1. Providing homework on Monday to Thursday in the form of reading, revision of previous work, practice in particular processes, advanced preparation for new topics, completion of unfinished work in class or research based activities.
2. Setting 20 minutes homework for Years 1 – 2 (Monday to Thursday).
Setting 25 minutes homework for Year 3 (Monday to Thursday).
Setting 30 minutes homework for Years 4 – 5. (Monday to Thursday).
Setting 45 minutes homework for Year 6. (Monday to Thursday).

3. Educating parents of their role in the completion of their child's homework.
4. Encouraging parents to be positive about homework and to encourage their child to work independently at home.
5. Providing information at the parent information night regarding organisation skills and keeping to a schedule with their child's homework.
6. Encouraging parents to provide a comfortable, well-lit and quiet place in which their child completes homework.
7. Marking the children's homework and reteaching or planning future lessons that reinforce concepts not yet grasped.
8. Encouraging parents to advise and assist their child at their own discretion but to be careful not to mask any serious difficulties the children may be experiencing.
9. Parents will be notified via a 'Homework Note' if homework has not been completed. Parents are asked to sign the note and return it as soon as possible to their child's classroom teacher. Parents are asked to inform teachers in writing if their child has a legitimate reason for not completing their homework.

HOMEWORK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

1. If allocated homework is not completed/submitted by the due date, a homework slip will be issued.
2. Once three homework slips have been received by a student over the period of one term, then an after school detention will be issued.