



## Homework Policy

Homework provides an opportunity for parents/caregivers to be involved and support their children's learning and should become part of a student's daily routine. Through homework activities the student has the opportunity to consolidate class work and practise skills at home.

At St Joseph's we believe that homework should not cause family stress or jeopardise the right of children to enjoy a balanced lifestyle. Our approach supports the importance of family time, community and cultural activities, relaxation and play and acknowledges the varied outside school hours activities in which the students participate.

Consistent and effective implementation of our homework policy occurs throughout the school including a consistent approach across each year level. This takes into account the amount of time students are to spend in completing homework and ensuring that students are not disadvantaged by a lack of access to resources (such as computers and the internet) outside the school. Appropriate supports should be put in place for the successful completion of homework (e.g. through provision of resources, extra support for students struggling to complete homework etc.).

| <u>Year Level</u> | <u>Homework</u>  |
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| <b>Prep</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Up to 10 minutes per day</li><li>• Daily reading to/with/by parents or caregivers</li><li>• May include games to review and reinforce concepts from different learning areas</li></ul>   |
| <b>Year 1</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Up to 15 minutes per day</li><li>• Daily reading to/with/by parents or caregivers</li><li>• Preparations for oral presentations (e.g. Show &amp; Tell)</li><li>• Review and reinforce sight words/word study</li><li>• Review and reinforce concepts from different learning areas</li><li>• Homework may be completed daily or over a weekly period</li></ul> |
| <b>Year 2</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Up to 20 minutes per day</li><li>• Daily reading to/with/by parents or caregivers</li><li>• Preparations for oral presentations (e.g. Show &amp; Tell)</li><li>• Review and reinforce sight words/word study</li><li>• Review and reinforce concepts from different learning areas</li><li>• Homework may be completed daily or over a weekly period</li></ul> |
| <b>Year 3</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Up to 20 minutes per day</li><li>• Daily reading to/with/by parents or caregivers</li><li>• Preparations for oral presentations</li><li>• Review and reinforce word study</li><li>• Review and reinforce concepts from different learning areas</li><li>• Homework may be completed daily or over a weekly period</li></ul>                                    |

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| <b>Year 4</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 30 minutes per day</li> <li>• Daily reading to/with/by parents or caregivers</li> <li>• Preparations for oral presentations</li> <li>• Review and reinforce sight word study</li> <li>• Review and reinforce concepts from different learning areas</li> <li>• May include extension/revision of class work and working on assignments that are carried over from classroom work</li> <li>• Homework may be completed daily or over a weekly period</li> </ul> |
| <b>Year 5</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to, but no more than 3 hours per week</li> <li>• Daily independent reading or reading to/with/by parents or caregivers</li> <li>• Review and reinforce concepts from different learning areas</li> <li>• Homework may be complete daily or over a weekly period</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Year 6</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to, but no more than 3 hours per week</li> <li>• Daily independent reading or reading to/with/by parents or caregivers</li> <li>• May include extension/revision of class work and working on assignments that are carried over from classroom work</li> <li>• Homework may vary in amount and types of tasks (in different learning areas)</li> <li>• Homework may be set on varying days – students write homework tasks in diary</li> </ul>                    |