Homework Policy

POLICY: Teachers will regularly set an amount of homework appropriate to class level and individual ability.

VALUE STATEMENT: St. Joseph’s School Community values homework as a means to develop necessary life skills including self discipline, independence, responsibility and time management. We believe that homework is an integral part of education.

RATIONALE: Homework provides students with the opportunity to refine, consolidate and extend learning. The routine element of homework encourages students to develop organisation skills and positive study habits. It communicates to parents the specific learning that occurs in classrooms. Homework fosters positive relationships between our school and families.

PRACTICES:

1. Generally homework tasks cover spelling, reading, writing and mathematics. Students may be required to research, collect items, learn material by rote or complete unfinished classroom tasks.
2. Homework tasks, procedures and expectations should be communicated to students and parents at the beginning of the year. This communication should be maintained throughout the year via diaries, communication books or conversations.
3. Teachers will correct and follow up all homework to ascertain where revision is required.
4. Ownership of the homework rests with the student, but it may involve assistance from parents or siblings.
5. Parental concerns about the difficulty, time allocation or frequency of homework should be communicated to the teacher.
6. When a student fails to complete homework tasks, a note from parents should explain the reasons.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Major assignments will not be set for homework
- Below are the list of appropriate times to be spent on homework each night
Year 1/2 15-20 minutes (including reading)
Year 3/4 20 minutes (excluding reading)
Year 5/6 25 minutes (excluding reading)
Year 7 30 minutes (excluding reading)

Reading Expectations

Year 3/4 10 minutes
Year 5/6/7 15 minutes

- Homework may be set on a weekly basis, daily basis or a period of time set by the teacher
- Teachers need to be flexible on the allocation of homework and should consider the differing abilities and circumstances of each student.
- Students who have substantial distances to travel home in the evenings may be given special consideration in regards to completing all homework. This is to be negotiated between the Teacher and Parents.

**REFLECTION MATERIAL**


St Joseph’s, Bundaberg Homework Policy

St Francis, Tannum Sands Homework Policy

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Springsure Homework Policy