



HOME LEARNING POLICY

RATIONALE

At St Mary's Primary School we believe that Home Learning or 'homework' is intended to improve the overall academic performance of students, as well as equip them with a range of positive skills that they will carry throughout their lives. Parents and teachers share a role in this partnership. Home Learning supports the child to develop personal responsibility for their learning.

The aim of our Home Learning policy is to:

- Assist the child in developing responsibility and establish home routines
- Revise, practise and consolidate learning
- Develop the child's independent study habits
- Foster an enjoyment of learning and connection to school
- Allow parents to be involved with what the children are doing at school

IMPLEMENTATION

- The classroom teacher at the commencement of the year communicates with families and students of the Home Learning expectations and processes.
- To assist with establishing routines and habits, the Home Learning program follows a consistent and predictable format.
- Teachers issue Home Learning for the week on a Monday, and collect it on a Friday. Teachers use a variety of methods for reviewing Home Learning as deemed suitable, including self-correction, peer to peer correction, or teacher correction.
- Home Learning is tailored according to the child's ability. The tasks are made to be attainable for all children, so they experience success.
- Teachers will inform families of incomplete Home Learning but will not issue consequences. The ultimate uptake of Home Learning is at the discretion of families.

Time allocation per day, as a general guide are as follows:

- Prep - Year 2 up to 20 minutes each night
- Years 3 - 4 up to 30 minutes each night
- Years 5 - 6 up to 40 minutes each night

Learning tasks may consist of (but not be limited to):

- Reading
- Spelling
- Writing
- Mathematics
- Inquiry / Religious Education

There may also be preparation for a future classroom topic or task. When necessary, students may be asked to gather additional information or materials to link with the current unit of learning being undertaken in the classroom.