



## GALILEE REGIONAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

### Rationale:

At Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School (GRCPS), we believe that homework connects families with the learning of their children and provides opportunities for real life learning experiences, fostering a love of learning and curiosity about the world. Research (Hattie, EEF, Kohn) shows that homework is not instrumental in student academic growth, rather, students benefit from participating in a variety of extracurricular activities.

### Aims:

- Foster a love of learning and a curiosity about the world
- Connect families with the learning of their children
- Reinforce and consolidate classroom learning through real life experiences
- Develop positive study habits.

### Guidelines:

- Homework will be relevant, purposeful and linked to classroom and real life learning
- Classroom teachers will provide homework appropriate to each year level
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to be involved in their child's learning
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to provide their child with timely feedback / corrections
- Feedback / corrections by staff, will be provided when appropriate
- Homework will be provided weekly via hardcopy, Dojo or Google Classroom
- It is expected that all students should be involved in reading experiences daily
- This policy will be available on the school website.

### Junior: Prep - Year 2

- Daily reading experiences
- Families will be made aware of what the spelling words are for the week and students may practice them as required
- One activity per week, based on real life experiences related to either English, Maths, STEM or Religious Education.

**Middle Years: Year 3 and Year 4**

- Daily reading
- Families will be made aware of what the spelling words are for the week and students may practice them as required
- One activity per week, based on real life experiences related to Maths
- One activity per week, based on real life experiences related to either English, STEM, Religious Education, Wellbeing or Health.

**Senior Years: Year 5 and Year 6**

- Daily reading
- Families will be made aware of what the spelling words are for the week and students may practice them as required
- One activity per week, based on real life experiences related to Maths
- One activity per week, based on real life experiences related to either English, STEM, Religious Education, Wellbeing or Health
- An ongoing investigation / project may be set to compliment classroom learning

**Year Level Requirements:**

The table below shows suggested timings based on 4 days a week of homework.

We are aware of family and extracurricular commitments and understand that each day is different.

Please work with your child so that homework is manageable with home life.

Students should not exceed the suggested timings below.

<b>Year Level</b>	<b>Reading per day</b>	<b>All other activities based on 4 days per week</b>
Prep	5 minutes	5 minutes
Year 1	10 minutes	10 minutes
Year 2	15 minutes	10 minutes
Year 3	20 minutes	15 minutes
Year 4	20 minutes	15 minutes
Year 5	25 minutes	20 minutes
Year 6	25 minutes	20 minutes