



Trinity Primary School Home Learning Policy

Rationale:

Trinity recognises that school is not the only place where learning happens. The time children spend with their families and their involvement in out of school hours activities are important learning opportunities that help foster each child's curiosity and love of learning.

Activities such as art lessons, sports practice, cultural activities, out of school hours care, the learning of a language or musical instrument etc. are all considered to be valuable learning activities that place additional demands on family time.

This Home Learning Policy was updated in 2021 and will be continually reviewed in consultation with families to ensure it continues to meet the needs of our children.

Roles and responsibilities

Teachers are responsible for:

- Setting varied, challenging and meaningful tasks related to class learning to suit the students' learning needs
- Explaining and clarifying the Home Learning prior to being sent home
- Giving students enough time to complete Home Learning, considering home obligations and extracurricular activities
- Assessing Home Learning and providing timely and practical feedback and support
- Ensuring families are aware of Trinity Primary School's Home Learning policy
- Supporting school-wide strategies which support parents/carers becoming active partners in Home Learning (ie: Family Engagement Tasks)

Please Note *Teachers are not responsible for enforcing consequences on students who do not complete Home Learning.*

Home Learning is **HOME LEARNING** and can only be monitored and supported by families out of hours. Trinity respects the wishes of families who do not wish for their child to participate in Home Learning.

Families are responsible for:

- Developing a positive and productive approach to Home Learning ● Ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on Home Learning and recreational activities
- Reading to their children, listening to their children read, talking with them and involving them in learning opportunities during everyday routines and physical activity
- Talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the Home Learning
- Supporting their child in developing a regular Home Learning routine
- Discussing Home Learning with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home

Students are responsible for:

- Being aware of the school’s Home Learning policy and expectations set
- Discussing with their family their Home Learning expectations
- Accepting responsibility for the completion of Home Learning tasks within set time frames
- Following up on feedback given by teachers
- Seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- Organising their time to manage home learning with home responsibilities, participation in physical activity and sports, and recreational and cultural activities

Home Learning Guidelines

Reading at home to, with and by family members are an essential part of developing literacy skills in the junior years. For children in the early stages of reading, opportunities will be provided for this to take place in the form of ‘Take Home Readers’ at reading levels appropriate for the child. For those students who are more proficient and independent readers, they will be expected to read books of their choice appropriate to their development and interests.

All students are expected to read each night (for students in Years Prep to 2 we would encourage students to read with a family member), all students will have their reading signed by a family member, and the reading logs/diaries will be checked by teachers during school time each day.

Expected Minimum time spent on Additional Home Learning each night

Year Prep - 5-10 minutes	Year 1/2 - 10-15 minutes
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Year 3/4 - 15-20 minutes Year 5/6 - 20-30 minutes

Additional Home Learning:

Home Learning may consist of activities in the following areas:

- Reading/Writing
- SMART Spelling
- Maths
- Family Engagement activities that are based on Inquiry, Religious Education or Wellbeing

Home Learning will be handed out each Monday and returned by students on Friday. Home Learning will be provided weekly as a hard copy or online.

Home learning will reinforce skills taught in the classroom. At times home learning may require students and their families to access this through Seesaw or Google Classroom

Home learning commences in Week 3 Term 1, and continues each week for the term. No Home Learning will be given in the last week of each term.

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Year 1/2 - 10 minutes

Year 3/4 - 15 minutes

Year 5/6 - 20 minutes