



School of The Good Shepherd Homework Policy

'School of the Good Shepherd Community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children in accordance with Ministerial Order No. 1359'

At the School of the Good Shepherd we believe that homework is a valuable part of schooling. It strengthens home-school links, providing the opportunity for parents to support students with consolidating their learning. Homework establishes habits of study, including planning, organisation, concentration and self-discipline which may serve students for the rest of their lives.

At the School of the Good Shepherd it is expected that:

- Parents will be advised of homework expectations throughout the school year
- Reading will be included each week night as part of the homework regime
- Students in Grade Prep-6 will use homework books to complete their homework, unless otherwise specified
- Homework tasks will be communicated to the students and families clearly via seesaw.
- Homework will include a balance of English, Mathematics and Religious Education
- Homework tasks will be varied, meaningful and related to class work that has already been covered, providing the student with the opportunity to revise learning
- Homework will be modified for students who are unable to access the regular curriculum to ensure the tasks are appropriate to the students' learning needs
- Students will need to organise their homework routine to accommodate extra-curricular activities and family life
- Homework will be sighted by the classroom teacher;
- Homework will not be assigned on weekends or school holidays (reading excluded)
- **Students will not be set specific or additional homework tasks.** If going on a family holiday during the school terms they will not be set specific homework tasks, however they will be encouraged to read regularly and to keep a diary/journal of their holiday experiences.

Parent Expectations:

Homework is a habit building activity where students are given the opportunity to build good habits heading into high school where homework will be given for content learning. It is an expectation that although homework will only be sighted, that as parents you encourage your child to dedicate time to complete the practice tasks each night or regularly during the week.

Where parents have concerns with their child's learning and development, parents are encouraged to organise a meeting with the classroom teacher.

Student Expectations:

It is an expectation that students are familiar with the expectations for homework as set by the classroom teacher.

It is expected that each student will dedicate the required amount of time each night to complete the tasks so as to build strong organisational habits for future learning.

Suggested Times for homework:

Prep-2: 20 minutes per night

Year 3/4: 30 minutes per night

Year 5/6: 40 minutes per night