



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOMEWORK POLICY

At St Joseph's Primary School all children have homework set in accordance with this policy.

VISION

Statement of Commitment to Child Safe supported in their learning

Our commitment to child safety means that all students enrolled, have a right to feel safe and be safe and supported in their learning. We aim to create a child safe positive environment in which each person, academically, socially, spiritually, emotionally and socially, flourishes. We endeavor to educate students to become, problem solving, inquiring, critical thinkers with high competencies in literacy and numeracy.

RATIONALE

At St. Joseph's Primary School, we acknowledge that the time children spend with their families and their involvement in out of hours activities are important components of the development of the whole child.

Activities such as dance, sports practice, cultural activities, out of school hours care, the learning of a language, tutoring, church and youth clubs, etc are all considered to be valuable learning activities that place additional demands on family time.

Homework can support student learning, however it should never be too onerous or stressful. Children need time to be children. The help and support of parents is important to a student's enjoyment and completion of homework.

PROCEDURE

	Homework Guidelines - Reading a minimum of 4 times a week
Foundation Learning Community	Daily reading with parent/guardian or older sibling, 10 minutes a day
Junior Learning Community Years 1 and 2	Daily reading with parent/guardian or older siblings, 15 minutes a day
Middle Learning Community Years 3 and 4	Daily reading with parent/guardian or older sibling, 20 minutes a day
Senior Learning Community Years 5 and 6	Daily reading with parent/guardian or older sibling, 20 minutes a day

Reading material could look like:

- Letter/sound/familiar words flip rings
- Familiar sentences or passages
- Decodables
- Novels

- Library book
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Audio/ebooks

REVIEW

This policy is to be reviewed every year.

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Next Review Date: July, 2025