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HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework plays an important role in consolidating learning beyond the classroom and supporting students to become independent, self-regulated learners. It is intended to support the development of organisational and time-management skills, provide opportunities to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills, and foster strong lifelong learning and study habits.

This policy outlines the school's approach to homework and the principles that guide its design, implementation and evaluation. All homework set by teachers will reinforce the topics and concepts currently being taught in the classroom, be appropriate to students' skill levels and developmental stages, and align with curriculum expectations.

In establishing clear and consistent expectations across the school, this document aims to ensure that homework remains purposeful, balanced and meaningful, supporting students' academic progress while acknowledging the importance of wellbeing, family time and extracurricular commitments.

Home tasks need to be consistent across the Year level, except for modified tasks that must be agreed upon in parent meetings.

Homework is recommended and encouraged to be completed. It is recommended that parents oversee their children undertaking home tasks and assist them to set a time and a dedicated space to do so. Homework will be checked by the classroom teacher, either weekly or fortnightly (level dependent) but may not actually be "marked" by the classroom teacher.

PREP

- ☐ Read for 20 minutes each night (inclusive of Reading Eggs and Little Learners Online)
- ☐ Reading to be recorded by parents in Home Reading Journal book and checked by the class teacher weekly
- ☐ Practise words (provided by the teacher)
- ☐ Number games; provided by the classroom teacher

YEAR ONE/ TWO

- ☐ Read for 20 minutes each night (inclusive of Little Learners Online – YEAR 1)
- ☐ Reading to be recorded by parent in Home Reading Journal and checked by the class teacher weekly
- ☐ Practise spelling words (provided by the teacher)
- ☐ Maths learning tasks and Number games provided

YEAR THREE / FOUR

- ☐ Read for 20–30 minutes each night
- ☐ Reading to be recorded by parent in the St Michael's school diary (provided) and checked by the class teacher weekly

- ☐ Weekly Spelling task
- ☐ Maths learning tasks and Number games provided

YEAR FIVE / SIX

Tasks may be set weekly or fortnightly at this level

- ☐ Read for 20–30 minutes each night
- ☐ Reading to be recorded by student in school diary and checked by the class teacher weekly
- ☐ Weekly Spelling task
- ☐ Tasks – Maths / Writing / Inquiry / Religious Education

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