



## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

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### **Rationale**

At St Francis of Assisi School the homework policy is aligned with the School's vision statement, Curriculum mapping documentation and Contemporary Learning Schema. It is underpinned by the firm belief that homework provides opportunities for students to consolidate their classroom learning, develop patterns for life-long learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning.

### **Aims**

We believe that homework needs to:

- Be manageable, purposeful and relevant to student's needs.
- Develop the student's independence as a learner.
- Be varied, challenging and related to class work and individual interests.
- Be appropriate for each student's age and ability.
- Take into account student's other commitments, such as sport and home responsibilities.
- Strengthen positive relationships between home and school.

### **Implementation**

#### Year Level Requirements

##### PREP - TWO

- Reading daily. Reading includes the child's take home book/material, library books and books children have at home.
- Any extra activities that relate to specific learning. For example: students prepare for weekly shared news presentations and/or collection of information, Mathematics tub and activities to enhance numeracy skills.

## THREE - SIX

- Reading daily. Reading includes the child's book club selection, library books and a variety of texts children have at home, such as newspapers, digital texts and/or school newsletter.
- Work through a homework grid- providing a balance of activities – Literacy, Mathematics, Personal & Social development, Thinking Creativity & Design.
- Any extra activities set by the teacher, such as collection of information through surveys or research.

### Role Of The Parent

- Take an active interest in your child's homework.
- Books may be read by the child, with the child and/or to the child.
- Recognise the importance of number through everyday life experiences. For example: cooking and following recipes, shopping, saving and spending money.
- Parents are encouraged to discuss the text with the child.
- Assist teachers to monitor homework by signing completed work if requested, and be aware of the amount of homework set.
- Encourage your children to read and take an interest in current events.
- Alert the school to any circumstances or extra-curricular activities which need to be taken into consideration when homework is being set or marked.

### Role Of The Teacher

- Ensure homework is relevant to the work covered in class.
- Provide detailed directions.
- Ensure homework is corrected and appropriate feedback given to the student.
- Allow for flexibility: taking into account family schedule, holidays, school, local, national and world events. For example, homework can be completed over a weekend.
- Communicate with parents regarding issues such as, non-completion.
- Value and acknowledge home learning and extra-curricular activities.