



## HOMWORK POLICY

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### RATIONALE

At Mater Christi we believe homework to be worthwhile as it extends learning opportunities beyond the school environment.

Homework is a positive learning tool that develops, consolidates and reinforces skills and understandings presented in class.

We recognise and strongly agree that homework assists in developing sound work routines, organisational skills and self-discipline and should be of educational value. Homework is the responsibility of the home.

### GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The purpose of homework is

- 1 For students to practise and reinforce what has been learned in class.
- 2 For students to develop sound study and work habits.

### AMOUNT

The amount of time to be spent on homework will increase as children progress from Year 1 to Year 6.

At the end of the allocated time limit per evening, children are encouraged to stop. Homework will generally consist of the following:

Year 1	Literacy & Numeracy	10 minutes
Year 2	Literacy & Numeracy	15 minutes
Year 3	Literacy & Numeracy	20 minutes
Year 4	Literacy & Numeracy	25 minutes
Year 5	Literacy & Numeracy	30 minutes
Year 6	Literacy & Numeracy	35 minutes

Reading for pleasure to establish sound reading habits for Years 4 to 6 for 15-30 minutes per evening is not seen as "homework" and is additional to the above time allocation.

Homework is set within scope of this policy.

Homework is set only from Monday to Thursdays.

Homework will be modified where necessary.

Homework for children who are sick or who are going away on holiday consists of the following suggestions (a) reading (b) journal writing (c) practical mathematics eg kilometres travelled (d) reading eggs (e) reading eggpress and (f) mathletics.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- 1 To provide an area where the child feels comfortable.
- 2 To monitor the time spent on homework - a routine time block taking account of other activities.
- 3 To provide equipment – eg pencils, separate to what the child has at school.
- 4 To provide a dated Homework Diary for children in Years 3 to 6.
- 5 To check and sign homework tasks before submission on the due date.
- 6 To show interest and to offer guidance (facilitate) but not to solve content problems.
- 7 To notify the teacher in writing if the homework could not be completed by the due date.  
Homework Diaries are an integral part of the communication process between home and school.

TEACHER FEEDBACK

Teachers will review homework tasks on Friday and address any problem areas.

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