



Homework Policy

Vision Statement

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School is a Christ-centred community, within the Bunbury Parish, which aspires to educate and develop the whole child in a caring, Catholic environment, recognising and respecting the uniqueness, dignity and the rights of others.

Definition

Homework is a reinforcement and extension of work encountered in the classroom. It provides opportunity for children to practise and revise skills they have been learning. Homework also gives students the opportunity to develop home study skills.

Aims

- To reinforce and extend the skills and content taught in the classroom.
- To develop the child's study skills including effective time management and organisation.
- To encourage children to take responsibility for completing homework tasks.

Suggested Time Allocations

Year 1	10 – 15 minutes
Year 2, 3	15 – 20 minutes
Year 4, 5	30 - 40 minutes
Year 6	40 – 50 minutes

Guidelines

- Homework should be related to work already encountered in the classroom. It is expected that Reading will form part of homework requirements for all year levels.
- Set homework should be purposeful for the child and monitored by the teacher to ensure it is completed.
- Homework should take into account the child's ability. This should also be reflected in IEPs and CAPs.
- When homework is required to be returned to the classroom or teacher, it should be completed to the same standards as would be accepted during normal classroom activities, using pencil or biro as is usual practice in the classroom.
- Homework content will be at the discretion of individual teachers. It is important to consider resources available to the child for set homework.
- Set homework should be assigned Monday to Thursday and not on weekends, however, students retain the option to work on research assignments during a weekend if they choose.
- Parents will be informed about, and given a copy of the individual classroom policy at the parent / teacher meeting at the beginning of the year. This should include information concerning procedures to

be followed if homework commitments are not met. A note of explanation is required if homework is not completed.

- Regular communication will be maintained between home and school through homework folders and diaries.
- It is recommended that teachers be flexible in their approach to homework demands so that families can honour commitments other than school-related matters.