



St Joseph's School, Waroona

Homework Policy

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St Joseph's School has an expectation of a commitment to homework.

Homework:

- Provides an opportunity for your child to practise skills, consolidate knowledge and/or concepts to reinforce learning at school.
- Can foster and encourage parental involvement in the education process.
- Can foster independent study habits and organisational skills.

Teachers:

- Will set homework that is purposeful and developmentally appropriate (including for students who are on CAPs or IEPs).
- Will set homework that the student can complete without extra resources at home.
- Will set homework that the student can complete independently (with adult supervision).
- Will notify parents if a child regularly fails to complete homework.
- Will provide opportunities for students to record set homework in their diary.
- Will set homework on four nights per week.

Students:

- Should accept responsibility for the completion of their homework.
- Should maintain a personal diary/homework book/reading log.
- Should complete homework to the best of their ability.

Parents:

- Are requested to inform class teachers of their child's inability to complete homework for various reasons (require assistance, family engagements etc) or if they have reached the recommended time allocation without all homework being completed by writing an entry in the diary.
- Are requested to sign the reading log and diary
 - Daily (PP & Yr. 1) or;
 - Weekly (Yr. 2-Yr. 6)

Time Allocation and Content:

The following maximum time allocations are set for particular year levels:

- Kindy – Nil
- Pre-Primary – 10 minutes (Reading and Sight Words only)
- Year 1 – 15 minutes (Reading and Sight Words only)
- Year 2 – 20 minutes (Literacy Pro, Spelling & Basic Maths Facts)
- Year 3 – 20 minutes (Literacy Pro, Spelling & Basic Maths Facts)
- Year 4 – 30 minutes (Literacy Pro, Spelling & Basic Maths Facts)
- Year 5 – 30-40 minutes (Literacy Pro, Spelling & Basic Maths Facts)
- Year 6 – 40-50 minutes (Literacy Pro, Spelling & Basic Maths Facts)

If a teacher requests to set additional tasks (e.g. research, projects, worksheets, contracts or any other tasks not listed above), these must first be approved by the Principal. In this case, each class would not be assigned more than one extra task per term.

Literacy Pro:

As part of the home reading program for Years 2-6, St Joseph's uses a program called Literacy Pro. Each student is allocated a user I.D. and their own profile within the Literacy Pro program. Each term, the students will complete an online literacy assessment which will allocate him/her with a "Lexile level." The students will then be able to select their own levelled home reader from the Library (books have been arranged into Lexile levels). Student reading will continue to be recorded in their reading log each night and signed by a parent/guardian. When the student finishes reading their home reader, they will complete an online comprehension assessment about the book they read. If the student successfully passes the assessment (achieves a score of 7 out of 10 or higher), the teacher will sign the reading log and the student will be able to change their reading books. The Library will be open between 8:30am – 9:00am each morning for students to change their home reader.

The Principal's R.E.D. (Read Every Day) program will be available for all PP-Yr. 6 students to receive a certificate on the completion of every 25 nights of reading and a book award on completion on every 100 nights of reading.