



St. Anne's

Primary School

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POLICY: HOMEWORK POLICY

RATIONALE:

Homework can help students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering lifelong study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Purposeful and appropriate homework activities supported by parents, can improve student learning. Homework can strengthen the link between home and school by involving parents in a meaningful way in their children's education.

For these reasons, St. Anne's offers homework as a part of the school's educational program. At St Anne's ;

- We believe that all participants in the student's education have some responsibility in the homework program. Therefore good communication between each of the participants is important; and
- We recognise that there are many demands on family life and we believe in the importance of all children having time to enjoy personal and family activities. Therefore time spent on homework should be reasonable, flexible and optional.

AIMS:

- To reinforce and further develop students' understandings, skills and knowledge
- To complete or complement learning taking place in the classroom
- To develop habits which enable students to become active, independent and lifelong learners
- To develop the educational partnership between home and school.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Homework is optional at St Anne's and at the discretion of the parents
- Students on intervention programs, may be required to complete additional tasks, however this will be communicated and agreed with the parents of these students.
- Parents will be advised of homework opportunities at the beginning of the school year
- All students are encouraged to spend time reading each evening
- Homework is offered at all levels with the emphasis on the practice of skills in Literacy and Mathematics
- Years 3-6 students will use school diaries. Diaries provide a means of regular communication between parents and the school and may include details about homework

Short-term projects may be set for homework provided that:

- connect to current learning such as an Inquiry Based Learning activity
- Clear guidelines are provided in writing
- Preparation for the work is undertaken in class
- Students are able to complete work independently
- Resources are readily available
- Students are taught the necessary skills for presenting projects

Diaries Years 3 - 6:

Students are expected to have their diaries at school each day
Students are expected to mark important dates in their diaries
(own class or whole school)
Teachers will check and sign diaries once per week.

Reading Journals F-2

Students are expected to have their Reading Journals at school each day
Teachers will check and sign journals once per week.

Prep-Year 2:

Homework will:

- consist of daily reading to, with and by parents or older siblings
- on occasions, be an extension of class work - practising skills or gathering extra information or materials- this will be at the discretion of the teacher and in consultation with the parents
- students on intervention programs, may be required to complete additional tasks, however this will be communicated and agreed with the parents of these students.

Homework at this level will be approximately 10-15 minutes per day (average of one hour per week) and will not be set on weekends or during holidays

Years 3 and 4:

Homework will:

- include daily independent reading which is required to be recorded in school diaries
- Include practising of appropriate number skills
- include extension of and connection to class work and projects (including Specialist Teacher's homework when appropriate).

Homework at this level will be approximately one and a half hours per week and will not be set during holidays or during the final week of each term.

Years 5 and 6:

Homework will:

- include daily independent reading which is required to be recorded in school diaries
- Include practising of appropriate number skills
- include extension of and connection to class work and projects (including Specialist Teacher's homework when appropriate).

Homework at this level will be approximately one and a half hours per week and will not be set during holidays or during the final week of each term.

Note:

Home reading tasks will usually be set on a daily basis in Prep -Year 2. In Years 3 - 6, homework will usually be set on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

EVALUATION:

Evaluation of the Homework Policy will take place every four years or when necessary.

This policy was reviewed in 2016

The next review will be in 2020