



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HOMework PROCEDURES

PURPOSE:

The role of schools today is to develop life long learners with a thirst for knowledge and a love of learning. Homework is a vehicle to facilitate consolidation of learning and the development of life long learning skills.

Today, students have many demands on their after school time. Their involvement in a range of after school activities is to be valued by both school and home. Homework will be flexible and purposeful to benefit students long term.

OUR EXPECTATIONS:

Years 1-3

- Regular homework will be set appropriate to the age and ability of the student.
- The focus of homework tasks is to consolidate learning and provide opportunities for parents to support their child's learning.
- Homework tasks will be linked to classroom learning.
- Homework tasks will focus on nightly reading and/or spelling/ alphabet tasks.

Guidelines:

Years 1-2 Approximately 5 - 10 minutes per night

Years 3 Approximately 15 - 20 minutes per night

Years 4-8

- Regular homework will be set appropriate to the age and ability of the student. Homework will be purposeful and linked to the needs of students.
- The focus of homework tasks is to develop independent work habits and study routines. Homework tasks give students the opportunity to set goals and take control of the direction of their learning.
- Nightly reading will be set for all students, and may be in addition to Guideline times, particularly in Years 6-8.
- Homework tasks maybe linked directly to class programme, however, particularly at Year 7-8 the class programme may be the catalyst for individual student direction (eg Science Fair)
- Strategies to develop time management and study skills need to be taught. Homework will be flexible and varied in order to enable students to practise time management and study skills ie tasks set on a Monday with a negotiated due date, tasks which focus on a specific study skill.
- Teachers and parents are to be in close communication regarding expectations of individual children.
- Children need to have a thorough understanding of expectation of homework tasks.
- Teachers will monitor homework tasks and provide regular feedback to the child.

Guidelines:

Year 4 Approximately 15 - 20 minutes per night

Years 5-6 Approximately 20 - 30 minutes per night

Years 7-8 Approximately 30 - 40 minutes per night

School and home working in partnership will greatly benefit students learning and their love of learning.