



St John's Catholic Primary School Walkerston Homework Policy

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Policy Statement

Students at St John's School will be expected to complete homework tasks that are relevant, purposeful and beneficial to each child's overall development.

Description

Homework encourages students to become self-directed learners, to develop good study habits and routines, and to promote independent learning.

Homework is to be valued as a purposeful, worthwhile learning experience that seeks to enhance the extent to which each child benefits from the school's educational program.

It may be used to revise and consolidate classroom learning, to develop broader life-long learning skills and to more closely link home and school in supporting a child's learning.

Homework is to be a positive experience, allowing parents the opportunity to engage, assist and support their child with their learning.

Implementation Issues

1. Reading is an integral part of homework in **all** Year levels – Prep to Year 6.
2. If homework becomes a negative experience for children or parents (i.e. stress, anxiety etc.), parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher to seek support.
3. Homework requirements for each individual class or year level is discussed at parent/teacher meetings at the beginning of each year, and can also be communicated to parents in written form.
4. Children are expected complete set tasks as directed by the classroom teacher, over a set period of time (i.e. daily, weekly activities). These may include numeracy activities, literacy activities or other research based learning.
5. As a guide for parents the following time allocations are a guide for written work:
 - a. Prep and Year 1: up to 1 hour per week
 - b. Year 2 and 3: up to 1.5 hours per week
 - c. Year 4 and 5: up to 2.5 hours per week
 - d. Year 6: up to 3.5 hours per week
6. Homework may require to be completed either in paper/written form, or via digital mediums (i.e. Google Classroom).

Reflection Material

St John's Mission and Vision Statement

Data and feedback from school-based surveys

The "Rule of 3" – Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, St John's Virtues