



Homework Policy

Rationale:

Homework allows opportunities for families to participate further in the education of their child and for the child to reinforce knowledge and skills learnt at school. **Homework should be meaningful and manageable for the child, manageable for busy families and not infringe on the child's play and relaxation time.**

Aims:

- To revise, practice and consolidate skills presented and taught at school
- To encourage student independence, development of organizational skills and responsibility for time management
- To give opportunity for family involvement in their children's education
- Give opportunities for students to apply life skills. Homework aims to be meaningful and fun; not stressful for busy families or too time consuming; concentrate on the individual student's particular area of need or interest; be straightforward enough for students to follow and complete with minimal parental assistance, and leave time for students to play and relax.

Implementation:

- Parents will be advised of homework expectations. A copy of the SPJE Homework Policy is available on the school website.
- Homework in Term 1 consists of nightly reading and basic organisational issues.
- Tasks for homework will vary according to the level of the student, but students at each level are expected to read regularly throughout the week.
- Adjunct to this, Years 3 to 6 Level Teachers will set a variety of appropriate tasks, usually given on Monday to be completed and handed in by Friday of that week.
- Homework is expected to take students at Prep and Years 1 and 2 approximately 10-15 minutes nightly.
- Homework is expected to take students at Years 3 to 6 no more than 90 minutes per week, excluding time for reading.
- Parents are encouraged to communicate with the classroom teacher if issues related to homework arise. Preps and Year 1 / 2 comments can be written in the Reading Diary. Years 3 to 6 comments can be written in the Homework Book or diary.

- We strongly encourage all families to have a homework kit that includes such things as:
 - Writing materials
 - Ruler
 - Glue stick
 - Scissors
 - Calculator
 - Dictionary

Evaluation:

The Homework Policy will be evaluated within the review cycle. This process will be overseen by the Leadership Team and ratified by the staff.

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