



# ST AGNES' PRIMARY SCHOOL MATRAVILLE

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## HOMEWORK POLICY DOCUMENT

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The purpose of homework is to develop appropriate study in children that will be useful for life and to review and reinforce current skills and knowledge taught in class.

The following are agreed guidelines established by the teachers at St Agnes' School:

- It is the teacher's responsibility to set homework and to ensure that it is marked. Parents should not complete the homework for their child. If at any time the child is experiencing difficulty, the parents need to notify the teacher.
- Parents should try to establish a routine for children to complete homework.
- It is an expectation that homework begins in week 1 but may be an abridged version, with the last week a time to finish projects and other work.
- The teacher may choose not to give homework in the first and last week of each term as they may need this time to establish routines and programs or to conclude programs for the term.
- Homework for individual children may need to be altered to cater for individual differences. This may be done at the request of the parent or teacher. In this case a meeting would be arranged with the parents and any additional responsibilities clearly outlined.
- Homework will constitute work that reinforces Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy skills covered in class.
- Whole projects will not be given as homework. Research skills will be taught at school as part of the curriculum. Extra research, rewriting summaries and adding pictures/diagrams may be given as homework.
- Kinder homework, no more than 15 minutes per night. Adjustments can be made after consultation between parent and teacher. Kinder receive homework after Parent Teacher Interviews in Term 1. It involves home reading a home, sight words, numbers and sounds and a Contract Homework Book.
- Year 1 / 2 will focus their homework on the reinforcement of Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy strategies covered in class time. Year 1 should be no more than 15 minutes and Year 2 no more than 20 minutes. This would include time for reading. Adjustments can be made after consultation between parent and teacher to cater for individual differences.
- Years 3 / 4 will focus their homework on the reinforcement of Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy strategies. This may be related also to another Key Learning Area. It should be no more than 30 minutes per night. This would include time for reading. Adjustments can be made after consultation between parent and teacher to cater for individual differences.
- Years 5 / 6 will focus their homework on the reinforcement of Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy strategies covered in class. It may obviously overlap into other Key Learning Areas. Year 5 should be no more than 40 minutes and Year 6 no more than 45 minutes per night. This would include time for reading. This may be adjusted after consultation between parent and teacher to cater for individual differences.
- The above time allocations may be averaged out over the week, to cater for family needs or homework contracts set by teachers.

Homework routines should be stated at Parent Meetings and in Curriculum Overviews so that parents know time and procedures regarding homework.

Homework is given for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Homework will generally adhere to the following:

<b>Year Level</b>	<b>Recommended Time</b>	<b>Scope of Tasks</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	No more than 15 minutes per day	RE, reading, sight words and sounds, maths
<b>Year 1</b>	No more than 15 minutes per day	RE, spelling, reading, grammar, sentence work, maths
<b>Year 2</b>	No more than 20 minutes per day	RE, spelling, reading, grammar, sentence work, maths, other KLA tasks
<b>Year 3</b>	Up to 30 Minutes per day	RE, spelling, reading, grammar, sentence work, maths, other KLA tasks
<b>Year 4</b>	Up to 30 minutes per day	RE, spelling, reading, grammar, sentence work, maths, other KLA tasks
<b>Year 5</b>	Up to 40 minutes per day	RE, spelling, reading, grammar, sentence work, maths, other KLA tasks
<b>Year 6</b>	Up to 45 minutes per day	RE, spelling, reading, grammar, sentence work, maths, other KLA tasks

Homework consists of practice and enrichment work following from classroom instruction or investigation. It is part of the child's education and should be encouraged to be completed. All homework should be completed neatly. Parents may sign their child's homework as an indication of their interest.

St Agnes recognises the importance of family life and leisure activities in the types and amount of homework set. Whilst children will be strongly encouraged to complete all their homework, there will be no negative consequences for unfinished work.