

## **Homework Policy**

Years K – 8

### **Rationale**

Homework is of value only as a part of a person's learning. The Scriptures define it this way:

“Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. Drill them into your children, Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.” (Deut 6:6-8)

Homework can be used to reinforce the day's work and learning activities as well as establishing the habit of regular reading, research and/or revision time. It should lead to wider reading for learning including independent study skills for older students.

Homework is only a part of homestudy and should not deter a child from the valuable times of learning and sharing that is a part of family life.

Homework should always be written out by the teacher and given to the student or copied in an orderly manner in a homework diary.

Project work should be assigned with due dates for each stage of the project. This will encourage the development of research, note-taking and wider subject –area reading. This also allows a teacher or parent to better guide the student's work.

As a guide to the total study time with which students may be reasonably expected to cope, the following is suggested:

K- Year 1	10 – 15 minutes per week	
Year 2	15 minutes per night	plus 5 minutes Reading
Year 3	20 minutes per night	10 minutes Reading
Year 4	25 minutes per night	15 minutes Reading
Year 5	30 minutes per night	20 minutes Reading
Year 6	40 minutes per night	20 minutes Reading
Year 7	50 minutes per night	30 + minutes Reading
Year 8	60 minutes per night	30 + minutes Reading

This is only a guideline. Individual teachers may give more specific directions throughout the term.

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### **KINDERGARTEN**

- Read to by family member most nights
- Practise recognising words containing the letter 'a' making the 'a' sound in cat.
- Make flashcards with words beginning in 'a' and 3 letter words with 'a' in the middle
- Practice counting items up to and including 10
- Put their homework/reading folder in their gab everyday
- Homework will be given out on Mondays and must be returned on Fridays