

## Homework Policy

### Values

Responsibility, Self-Discipline, Growth, Independence, Organisation, Commitment, Pride, Family, Engagement, Personal Best

### Preamble

Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning beyond the classroom.

Homework allows family members to be involved in their child's learning and is a means of supporting the home-school partnership.

The allocation of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation and cultural pursuits.









### Policy

All classroom teachers at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School will provide regular homework for students in Years 1 to 6.

### Implications

#### 1. The Purpose of Homework

Homework should:

-  consolidate and enhance student learning
-  develop students' independence as learners
-  create a link between parents, students and teachers
-  be directly related to class work
-  allow for students' commitment to recreational, family and cultural activities
-  be purposeful and relevant to students' needs and phase of learning
-  develop organisational skills
-  not exceed the maximum time allocation per week

## 2. Time Allocation for Homework (per day):

Year 1	10 – 15 minutes	+ 10 minutes reading
Year 2:	10 – 15 minutes	+ 10 minutes reading
Year 3:	10 – 15 minutes	+ 10 minutes reading
Year 4:	15 – 20 minutes	+ 15 minutes reading
Year 5:	20 – 30 minutes	+ 15 minutes reading
Year 6:	20 – 30 minutes	+ 20 minutes reading

*Prep - homework may be introduced throughout the year*

## 3. Expectations of All Stakeholders:

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Parents / Caregivers</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearly explain expectations to parents</li> <li>Promptly mark homework and provide feedback for students</li> <li>Limit the usage of weekly homework sheets</li> <li>Only set homework that is related to concepts currently covered in class</li> <li>Offer a variety of contexts for setting homework (written, ICT, reading, researching etc.)</li> <li>Amicably negotiate any individual homework modifications where necessary with parents</li> <li>Set homework as per guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homework to be completed regularly by students</li> <li>Complete the homework to the best of their ability</li> <li>Hand homework in on time</li> <li>Complete homework as independently as possible</li> <li>Ask your teacher if you have difficulties with any homework task or timeframe prior to due date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents should providing a conducive learning environment by encouraging and supporting their children to complete homework - homework should not cause conflict or be stressful</li> <li>Contact the teacher if the child is having problems with homework</li> <li>Amicably negotiate any individual homework modifications where necessary with teacher</li> <li>Stay informed and be aware of homework expectations</li> </ul>