



ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

# HOMEWORK POLICY

## Rationale

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

## Aims

- To support and extend classroom learning
- To develop positive study habits
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning
- To encourage sound organisational and time management skills

## Implementation

- The Homework Policy will be sent home to Parents/Guardians at the beginning of each school year
- Homework activities will be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers
- Parents/Guardians will be encouraged to support their child with homework. This means acting as a **guide** and **not** doing the homework for the child
- Children will be encouraged to regularly set aside time to work at home which takes into account family commitments and out of school activities
- Homework may occasionally be set by specialist teachers

### Junior School (Prep – Year 2)

- 10 – 15 minutes per day
- Reading activities
- At times simple revision tasks associated with classroom activities – counting, maths games, time, money, letter/sound recognition and sight and written vocabulary
- Mathletics and ReadingEggs
- Gathering of additional information or materials
- Parents/Guardians to sign reading diaries each week
- LLI homework given 3 days per week.

### **Middle School (Grades 3 & 4)**

- 15 minutes of homework, 4 times per week (60 minutes in total) which includes some reading, revising tables, and learning spelling words
- Homework will be sent home on a weekly basis to allow seven days for completion, unless otherwise specified
- Activities may include: literacy activities, maths problems, research and project work
- Parents/Guardians will be asked to sign their child's reading diary each week to indicate that they accept the standard (at the completion of set tasks)
- Mathematics and ReadingEggspress
- LLI homework given 3 days per week.

### **Senior School (Grades 5 & 6)**

- Approximately 30 minutes of homework, 4 times per week (2 hours in total) which includes revising tables, and learning spelling words
- Home reading is expected to be completed four nights a week
- Classroom teachers will set weekly revision tasks appropriate to the student's classroom learning
- Homework will be sent home on a weekly basis to allow seven days for completion, unless otherwise specified
- Parents/Guardians will be asked to sign their child's reading diary each week to indicate that they accept the standard (at the completion of set tasks)
- Mathematics and ReadingEggspress