



# Homework Policy

*St Peter Apostle Primary School*

## **Rationale:**

We believe that homework should consolidate learning that is taking place in the classroom. It should be meaningful and viewed as an opportunity for the revision and reinforcement of acquired skills. Homework should be manageable for learners so that there is a healthy balance of school work and extracurricular activities that promote the growth of the whole child.

## **Beliefs:**

At St Peter's school, we believe that homework should

- Be a time for positive interaction between family members.
- Provide parents with an awareness of the learning that is being promoted in the classroom.
- Provide an opportunity to develop study habits and time management skills.
- Prepare or assist students with learning in the classroom.

## **Responsibilities:**

### **Teachers are responsible for:**

- Ensuring students clearly understand the homework and what is expected of them.
- Ensuring that the task is reflective of the work being covered in the classroom.
- Providing relevant and timely feedback to students .
- Contacting parents on the third non-submission of homework.

### **Students are responsible for:**

- Understanding the homework before leaving school.
- Recording homework where appropriate in the school diary.
- Communicating any difficulties with homework to the teacher before the due date.
- Taking home all necessary materials to complete homework.
- Doing homework with a minimum of parental help.
- Completing and returning homework on time.
- When presented with choices, choose a task which will revise, challenge or extend your thinking.

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**Parents are responsible for:**

- Checking and signing the diary or home reading sheets regularly.
- Providing encouragement, support and showing interest in their child's work.
- Supporting their child to develop good study habits by providing a work atmosphere conducive to, and necessary for, completion of tasks at a regular time each day.
- Notifying teachers when there are concerns regarding homework or homework is not completed.

**Homework allocation:****Prep - 15 mins per night****English activities such as:**

Reading, High Frequency Words , Letter formation, Writing, Oral Language

**Maths activities such as:**

Number formation and counting

**Year 1 - 20 mins per night****English activities such as:**

Reading 10mins and discuss book, High Frequency words, Spelling tests

**Maths activities such as:**

Number facts - skip counting, ten facts

**Special Activities:**

Inquiry preparation- History Interviews/Mystery Bag - Enriching Inquiry activities

**Year 2 - 20 mins per night****English activities such as:**

Reading 10mins and discussion of what they've read, Words Their Way or similar spelling sorts/activities

**Maths activities such as:**

Topic specific activities that reinforce learning

**Year 3 & 4 - 25 mins per night****English activities such as:**

Reading (10 mins per night), responses to reading (such as characterisation, connections to texts ,etc), set writing tasks (e.g. writing a dialogue between characters, writing an argument for a persuasive text, etc)

**Maths activities such as:**

number facts, problem solving tasks, explanations of processes, etc

**Students will also engage in tasks which investigate concepts explored in Religion and Inquiry.**

**Year 5 & 6 - 30 mins per night****English activities such as:**

Reading 10 mins, both practical and online tasks which reinforce concepts explored in class, including reading, writing and oral language.

**Maths activities such as:**

Both practical and online tasks which reinforce concepts explored in class.

**Students will also engage in tasks which investigate concepts explored in Religion**

**and Inquiry.**

**Procedure for distributing and collecting homework**

The school's Homework Policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year (via CareMonkey) and is also available on the school's website.

Distribution of homework may be a combination of paper based and online tasks.

Parents will be notified of the days that homework is distributed and collected at the beginning of the year interview or information evening.

**Please note that:**

- No homework will be allocated during school holidays.
- No set work will be given to students who go on holidays during the school term. (Parents may encourage the child to keep a diary).
- Please be aware, there may be times when homework is not given due to the demands of the class (e.g.: camp, Sacramental weeks, etc).

**Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified in

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