

Holy Family Catholic Primary School Lindfield



Homework Policy

PURPOSE

- To provide a positive link between home and school
- To begin and develop a pattern of good study skills
- To provide revision and consolidation of concepts and skills

STRATEGIES

- Homework will include such areas as reading, mathematics, spelling and other key learning areas as appropriate. In kindergarten, homework will be informal and may include activities such as home reading, finding pictures, cutting out etc
- Each class teacher will explain their homework system to parents and care givers at the Parent Information Evening at the beginning of each year
- Homework will usually be given four nights of the week, i.e. Monday to Thursday
- The policy of Holy Family Catholic School, Lindfield is to set homework with the amount increasing as the student progresses from Kindergarten to year 6
- The expected time to complete the homework will vary according to the type of homework given
- Suggested time frames;
 - Kindergarten - Year 2 (including reading) up to 30 minutes
 - Year 3 - Year 6 Up to 60 minutes

Responsibilities

The role of the teacher is to:

- Ensure that homework is related to school work
- Set homework which allows students to demonstrate what they are capable of
- Ensure that students are aware of what is expected of them and how their work will be assessed
- Help parents understand what homework is required and when it is due
- Communicate with parents about areas of homework concern

The role of the student is to:

- Complete homework within the given timeframe
- Show homework to their parents and ask them to sign it if required
- Ensure that homework is returned to school at the pre-arranged time for teacher assessment

Parents and caregivers can assist by:

- Supporting students in completing homework
- Providing, if possible, a designated time to complete homework
- Communicating with teachers about any concerns with homework
- Assisting teachers to monitor homework by signing off tasks as requested

EVALUATION

<u>Policy Date:</u>	August 2002
<u>Formulated by</u>	All staff
<u>To be reviewed</u>	August 2008