



# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ALTONA

## HOMEWORK POLICY

### BELIEF STATEMENTS

At St. Mary's School, we believe that homework reinforces the learning in the classroom. It is important that homework:

- Be a time for positive interaction between family members
- Provide parents with an awareness of work being completed in the classroom
- Be challenging and stimulating on an individual level, to be achieved through a mixture of open-ended, revision and consolidation activities
- Encourage the development of study habits and time management skills
- Enable students to practise research and information skills

### RESPONSIBILITIES

We believe that homework is a partnership between home and school: teacher, parents and children all have responsibilities.

#### The Teachers' role is to:

- Provide interesting and varied homework
- Provide a balance of open ended, creative and practical activities.
- Give clear explicit instructions and feedback to complete the task
- Communicate with parents and child
- Teach the necessary research, time management and other skills to enable students to complete homework tasks
- Differentiate the homework on a needs basis
- Scaffold homework tasks for Year 3 & 5 students so that transition is educationally sound

#### The Parents'/Carers' role is to:

- Provide a suitable environment for the child where supervision, resources, encouragement and help are given
- Respect the child's knowledge, skills and achievements
- Realise that homework is the responsibility of the child
- Notify the teacher if they have any concerns

#### The Student's role is to:

- Accept responsibility for completion of the homework
- Complete tasks to the best of their ability
- Ask for help from their teacher or family if necessary
- Ensure the homework is handed in on time
- Organise the weekly management of homework

## TYPES OF HOMEWORK

- Reading and responding to a text
- Activities that reinforce what is learnt in class
- Practical activities using the home environment
- Problem solving and open ended questions
- Observations and discussions
- Research on a topic

## HOMEWORK TIME ALLOCATION

YEAR LEVEL	DURATION Average per school day	TYPE OF HOMEWORK
Prep & Year One/Two	10-15 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading and responding to text</li><li>• M100W</li></ul>
Year Three/Four	Up to 20 mins per night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading and responding to a text</li><li>• Activities that reinforce what is learnt in class</li><li>• Practical activities using the home environment</li><li>• Problem solving and open ended questions</li><li>• Observations and discussions</li><li>• Research on a topic</li></ul>
Year Five/Six	Between 20-30 mins per night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading and responding to a text</li><li>• Activities that reinforce what is learnt in class</li><li>• Practical activities using the home environment</li><li>• Problem solving and open ended questions</li><li>• Observations and discussions</li><li>• Research on a topic</li></ul>