



St Peter's Primary School
103 Wood Street, Inglewood

Policy: **HOMEWORK**

Policy Area: Learning

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RATIONALE

Homework helps students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Parents play a vital role in the homework domain as partners to educators of their children.

PRINCIPLES

Homework:

- allows for practising, extending and consolidating **work taught in class**;
- should be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum;
- should be appropriate to the student's year level;
- provides training for students in planning, organisational skills and time management;
- **strengthens home-school links**; and
- provides parents with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their children

PROCEDURES

1. Parents should be advised of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year.
2. Maximum DAILY time allocation will be -

K/PP	Read to by parent/guardian
1/2	10-20 minutes
3	15 Reading + 5 Mathematics + up to 25min other activities per week
4	20 Reading + 10 Mathematics + up to 30min other activities per week
5	20 Reading + 10 Mathematics + up to 35min other activities per week
6	20 Reading + 10 Mathematics + up to 50min other activities per week

***NB** Once the time limit is reached homework should cease, regardless of whether homework is finished or not.*

3. Students will use diaries daily in Years 3-6 to record reading and homework.
4. Diaries are also a means of communication between parents and the school.
5. Diaries must be signed by parents and teachers each week.

6. Years 1 and 2 will use a reading log that is to be signed by parents when reading completed.
7. No homework will be given on weekends or during holiday periods.
8. If a parent wishes to take their child on a holiday during school time teachers are not required to provide any homework activities and parents will be expected to be responsible for maintaining educational standards.
9. Failure by students to complete homework on a regular basis should be followed up with the parents.
10. Teachers will endeavour to set homework at the beginning of the week for completion by the end of the week.
11. Parents and teachers should assist students in developing the organisational and time-management skills needed for them to be responsible for their own learning.
12. Practical feedback and support will be provided for students.
13. Homework may focus on a revision of concepts and ideas learnt at school. It may also involve research by the students and preparation for presentations or assessments.

REFERENCE AND RELATED DOCUMENTS