



# St Bernadette's Homework Policy

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At St Bernadette's we recognise the benefits of homework. We also understand that families have many commitments after school. We also recognise that students are individuals and have diverse learning needs and therefore may need different arrangements for homework.

## **Rationale:**

Homework is seen as a valuable means of

- Providing time for reading;
- Reinforcing class work;
- Developing a regular habit of home study;
- Strengthening the home / school partnership.

## **Guidelines:**

- Reading is an essential part of homework
- Homework tasks will be consistent across the grade
- Homework tasks may need to be modified to meet the special needs of some children
- During the home preparation period for sacramental programs the amount of homework set will be given some consideration.

## **Kindergarten**

Children will receive a weekly communication sheet.

Reading and having parents read to them is an essential part of homework. Other activities **may** include:

- Practising work on letters, sounds and sight words
- Development of gross motor skills eg throwing, catching, skipping.

## **Years 1 and 2**

Reading home readers and having parents read to them is an essential part of homework. Other activities **may** include:

- Practising sight words and spelling words
- Mathematics activities that reinforce what is being taught in class
- Activities that relate to what is being taught in class
- Collecting resources for research projects, class displays.

## **Years 3 – 6**

A diary will be used for students to note homework tasks and school events.

Students in Years 3-6 may also be required to access homework tasks via their google drive or google classrooms.

Reading is an essential part of homework.

Other activities **may** include:

- Engaging in English activities – reading, writing, spelling etc
- Mathematics activities that reinforce what is being taught in class
- Activities that relate to what is being taught in class
- Collecting resources for research projects, class displays
- Completing unfinished class work.

Whilst there is no minimum or maximum time limit set on homework, parents need to communicate with teachers if they believe that their child is spending too much time completing homework so that an alternate arrangement can be made.

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