



St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School Mackay Homework Policy

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Policy Statement

The aim of this policy is to develop a framework that fosters routine study habits and practices.

Homework is to be valued as a purposeful, positive experience that lays the foundation for self-directed learning. It is an integral part of learning. Its success requires a partnership between students, teachers and parents.

Description

Students will be expected to complete formal homework within the set time frame.

Teachers will set homework that is relevant, promotes fluency in the fundamentals, supports classroom learning and respects family life and circumstances. Teachers will assess homework and provide feedback to students.

Parents will provide the support and opportunity for homework to be completed and consult with teachers should the need arise.

Assigned homework should not be set in such a way as to disadvantage students who do not have access to the internet at home.

iPads are not to be used for the fundamentals e.g. spelling and maths mental practice prior to Semester Two for Year Six students.

Implementation Issues

- Homework expectations will be clearly articulated at the beginning of the year.
- Tasks and time allocations are consistent across the year level (see table below).
- If the recommended daily time allocation is significantly exceeded or there are extenuating circumstances parents are advised to contact the classroom teacher.
- Homework will be handed out in a weekly block, this allows for homework to be completed over the weekend or during the week to suit family life. For consistency the Principal, in consultation with the teaching staff will, across all year levels nominate the same day: -
 - a) for the homework to be distributed; and
 - b) for the homework to be submitted
- Where a student has not completed their homework by the required time, they will be required to complete their homework during their own time at school.
- Homework will support the learning program at school and will contain work familiar to the students.
- Teachers will mark and sign homework.
- Homework will not contain assessment tasks but can include collecting resources for assessment to be completed in class.
- School work will not be provided for students on extended leave / holidays during term time. Suggested practice is that they read, keep a diary and learn about their holiday environment.

Daily Time Allocations	
Prep	10 min (5 min reading and 5 min of other set work)
Year 1	15 min (5 min reading and 10 min of other set work)
Year 2	20 min (10 min reading and 10 min of other set work)
Year 3	30 min (10 min of reading and 20 min of other set work)
Year 4	30 min (10 min reading and 20 min of other set work)
Year 5	30 – 40 min (20 min reading and 10-20 min of other set work)
Year 6	30 – 40 min (20 min reading and 10-20 min of other set work)