

HOMEWORK POLICY

At Star of the Sea School we believe that homework is an integral part of the child's personal and educational development.

Homework provides the opportunity to develop appropriate study habits and routines. It is an important way of sharing class activities and learning with parents.

The school recognises that play and free time is important to all. We respect that family/ sporting and cultural commitment play an intrinsic formative role in a child's growth.

Our approach to homework is holistic and caters for the development of the whole child

Rationale

Parents are asked to:

- provide regular encouragement and support.
- advise teachers of difficulties encountered by the child or the family in the completion of the set homework.
- to foster a love and curiosity for learning and life by enriching their children's lives through:
 - outings on week-ends
 - joining the local library and sharing quality literature and by
 - prioritising leisure pursuits as relevant homework activities for the children.

To assist parents with the homework programme, teachers will –

- clearly explain the homework format/expectations at Parent evenings at the start of the year
- advise parents of the support they are required to provide in any particular activity.

Guidelines

Homework across Year levels must be;

1. Cognizant of the learning abilities of each student and appropriate to the individual student.
2. Activities which promote consolidation of core skills.
3. Activities which develop efficient time management and self-discipline.
4. Increased in intensity and expectations as the Primary years progress.
5. Appropriately timed in relation to children's lives.

All classes follow the structure of the **Homework Grid**. The grid sets out to broaden the definition of work done at home to include an array of different and less sedentary activities – **some set by school, some set by Parents**.

Many homework activities are posted on Moodle, our eLearning portal. A homework book will be provided so that grids can be glued in and work shown.