



St Michael's School Bassendean

Homework Policy

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Due for Review: 2024

Rationale:

St Michael's School supports the overall aim of homework to enhance the learning that happens in the school environment at home. Homework should be an effective tool that consolidates understanding, fosters lifelong learning and provides an opportunity for students to share in the responsibility of their learning.

St Michael's recognises that homework plays an important role in the partnerships between educators, students and parents.

Guiding Principles:

- **The purpose of homework is to reinforce what has already been learned in class;**
- **Homework should be developmentally appropriate for a student's age level;**
- **Homework should not be overly stressful or used as punishment; and**
- **Shared/Independent reading is given priority over other tasks.**

Time Recommendations:

The following daily time limit maximums are recommendations only and are designed to allow for families to be flexible to cater for weekly family commitments. These times do not include daily reading.

K/PP	No set time
1/2	10-20mins
3/4	20-30mins
5/6	30-40mins

Procedures:

- Teachers will communicate their homework expectations with families at the beginning of the year.
- No homework will be allocated on weekends or holidays.
- Students do not receive negative consequences for incompleteness of homework at school.
- Teachers may contact parents if homework is not completed for an extended period.
- Teachers and parents may modify homework expectations for any child to accommodate their individual needs.
- If a student is not able to complete their homework tasks within the maximum time limit, they should stop and the parent is encouraged to advise the class teacher.
- If a parent wishes to take their child on holidays during school time, teachers are not expected to provide homework activities.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to read to and with their child regularly for enjoyment.