HOMEWORK

Policy Statement

At St Columba's, we recognise the importance of homework as a valuable tool for reinforcing classroom learning and fostering independent study habits in our students. Our homework policy is designed to align with Brisbane Catholic Education guidelines while considering the developmental needs of students from Prep to Year 6.

The following guidelines outline our homework policy:

Homework Turnaround Time

Homework tasks from Prep to Year 6 will have a six-day turnaround period, though this may be longer in some year levels. This provides students and families with the flexibility to complete their set tasks, which work in with family responsibilities, and allows teachers to provide timely feedback.

Homework Duration

Prep: Homework will be approximately 60 minutes (15 minutes per night) in length across the week and include reading activities. At this stage, homework aims to promote early literacy skills and numeracy concepts through age-appropriate tasks.

Year 1 & Year 2: Homework will be up to 60 minutes (15 minutes per night) in length across the week and include reading activities. At this stage, homework aims to promote early literacy skills and numeracy concepts through age-appropriate tasks.

Year 3 & Year 4: Homework will be 60-70 minute (15-20 minutes per night) in length across the week, with additional time allocated for reading. This additional homework will cover various subjects, including numeracy, literacy, and other areas of the curriculum, to reinforce classroom learning.

Year 5 & Year 6: Homework will be 80-100 minutes (20-25 minutes per night) in length across the week, with additional time allocated for reading. The homework in these year levels will be relevant to classroom activities and cover various subjects to support classroom learning.

Homework Content

Homework will focus on numeracy and literacy activities and also touch on other aspects of the curriculum. Students may also be required to do:

- Projects/assignments on different topics from the curriculum.
- Revision of previously covered material to reinforce learning.

Specialist Teachers' Homework

While classroom teachers will primarily set homework, specialist teachers may occasionally assign home tasks. When this occurs, homework will be adjusted to avoid overload.

Homework Completion and Support

We expect students to complete their homework regularly and diligently. If a student faces challenges in completing assigned tasks, parents/legal guardians are encouraged to communicate with the teacher, providing information on the difficulties encountered to provide appropriate support.

Balancing Homework Load

To promote well-being, teachers will be mindful of the overall homework load on students, ensuring that it remains reasonable and balanced across all subject areas. The aim is to promote meaningful learning without overwhelming the students and their families.

Communication and Feedback

Teachers will provide clear instructions for each homework task and offer timely feedback to students to recognise their efforts and address areas for improvement.

At St Columba's, we believe that homework, when approached purposefully, can enhance our students' educational journeys. By fostering a supportive partnership between teachers, students, and parents/carers, we aim to maximise the benefits of homework while ensuring it remains manageable and relevant to each student's developmental stage and academic needs.

Review and Adoption

This policy is effective immediately upon adoption by the school administration and will be reviewed periodically to ensure its alignment with safety protocols and regulatory guidelines. Any necessary revisions will be communicated to all stakeholders promptly.

Approval and Review Details

Approval and Review			
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