



Homework Procedures and Guidelines

Sources of Authority	
CECWA Policy	Education
Executive Directive	Homework Procedures and Guidelines

1. Rationale

Our Homework School Based Guidelines draw on the extensive research of Professor John Hattie, a leading expert in education. This research states that homework in primary school has minimal impact on academic achievement, it becomes more significant as students progress to high school. Homework at Orana Catholic Primary School is designed to be age-appropriate and meaningful.

For our younger students, homework will focus on reinforcing classroom learning through short, engaging activities that foster a love for learning without overwhelming them. As students move into higher grades, homework will be aimed at developing their independent learning skills and reinforcing taught concepts through practice.

2. Scope

These guidelines apply to all Orana Catholic Primary School teachers, students and family members.

3. Aims

Homework should be a positive experience that supports your child's educational journey. It should not be a source of stress for students or families. We encourage open communication between parents, teachers and students to ensure that homework remains a valuable and manageable part of our students' lives.

4. Protocols

▪ What do students require?

-The Library/Homework Folio must be purchased from the school uniform shop. This one folio can hold: library books, iPad and paper/exercise books.

-Time scheduled at home where students have the mental capacity to concentrate. When is your child at their best? (after food, in the morning etc)

▪ We believe homework should:

-Be a short session of review where the student is aware of a finish time. A timer is a useful tool to use for homework.

-Review concepts already taught to be completed by themselves. e.g. Tables, Spelling processes, etc.

-Enable parents and children to spend time together by engaging in activities. e.g. Mathematics, games, reading, etc.

▪ Time spent on homework can be flexible depending on family schedules.



- **The recommended daily duration (including reading) on Monday – Thursday is:**
 - Pre-Primary to Year Two – up to 15 minutes
 - Year Three and Four - up to 20 minutes
 - Year Five and Six - up to 30 minutes
- **Homework is checked by teachers weekly.**
- **If a student has not completed assigned work during class time due in inappropriate behaviour, this may be assigned as a home task.**
- **Specialist Learning Area Teachers may assign a task.**

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