

HOMEWORK POLICY

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POLICY AREA

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PREAMBLE

Homework is considered to be an integral part of the children's learning and personal development. It is valued as a personal study habit, which contributes to student success. This habit helps to build self-discipline, personal responsibility and independent action. Homework is a direct means of supporting the home-school partnership by providing parents with opportunities to observe student progress and encourage positive attitudes to education.

VALUES

Respect, Love, Dignity, Honesty, Faith, Justice

POLICY STATEMENT

At Emmanuel, the habit of homework is considered to be of benefit to all children. It will be applied consistently across all year levels and will be appropriate to the age and ability of students.

CONSEQUENCES

- Homework will support classroom learning.
- Guidelines for homework will be communicated clearly to parents and students.
- Completed homework will be acknowledged at home and at school.
- Failure to complete homework, without parental explanation, will result in appropriate consequences, determined by the classroom teacher.
- The quantity and purpose of homework should be consistent across a year level.

GUIDELINES FOR HOMEWORK

The following routine classroom activities could be included as weekly/ nightly homework activities:-

Practice of the alphabet and phonics	Practice of sight words
Reading practice	Handwriting practice
Spelling activities (oral and written)	Number facts
Sentences	Maths activities
Work not completed in class	Literacy activities

Homework Formats:

Homework may take a variety of formats, which may include weekly contracts, nightly homework, assignment work, class page activities, etc.

Expectations:

Teachers will make their expectations regarding homework clear at the Parent Meeting in Term One each year. Parental support and co-operation of these expectations is required. Homework expectations and guidelines will be included in the Parent Handbook each year.

Students will do homework set, parents are encouraged to sign homework, (dependant on classroom teacher requirements) and encourage neat presentation of work.

Teachers will correct homework and acknowledge it.

Students in Year 6 will be responsible for using the school diary to record homework.

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.

RECOMMENDED TIME SPENT ON ACTIVITIES & READING TIME

YEAR	RECOMMENDED TIME SPENT ON ACTIVITIES	READING EXPECTATIONS
		Current research supports a <u>MINIMUM</u> of 20 minutes reading time per night for <u>ALL</u> students.
Prep TERM 1	TERM ONE – no activities	Prep Term 1: Parent reading to child every night
Prep TERMS 2, 3 & 4	5 minutes per night – no more than 30 minutes / week	Prep Terms 2, 3 & 4: Parent reading to child + 10 minutes reading by the child.
Year 1 & 2	10 minutes per night – no more than 1 hour / week	Year 1 – Year 3: 20 minutes reading to/with/by parents EVERY NIGHT Years 4 – 6: 20 minutes independent / assisted reading EVERY NIGHT
Year 3 & 4	15 minutes per night – no more than 1.5 hours / week	
Year 5 & 6	30 minutes per night – no more than 2 hours / week	
Daily reading requirements for Yrs 1-6 MUST include independent reading (by the child). Students are also encouraged to read with & listen to their parents daily for pleasure & enjoyment further to time spent reading by the child.		

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