



## Homework Policy

### RATIONALE

*Homework is purposeful out-of-class learning that seeks to enhance the extent to which each child benefits from the school's educational program.*

(Policy Guide, Education Department of Western Australia)

Homework needs to be purposeful within the context of the current learning program taking place in the class at that time. While parent involvement is encouraged, the homework given should be able to be completed independently by the student.

The purpose of homework at Santa Clara is:

- to practise skills learnt in class
- to reinforce and revise content covered in class
- to develop independent study and organisational skills.

### PRINCIPLES

- Homework should be a positive experience for students.
- Homework should be purposeful and set within the context of the current learning program with varied activities.
- Homework set should be predictable, explicit, and be communicated to parents and children.
- Homework should encourage the development of independent study habits.
- The amount and type of homework set, and the expected time allocation will vary from class to class.
- Modifications for enrichment, remediation and home situations are essential.
- Parents need to provide an environment where supervision, encouragement and help are provided.

### PROCEDURES

1. Set homework is given Monday – Thursday.
2. Homework will be recorded in a student diary, homework plan sheet or in digital form.
3. Children may work on a daily/weekly/fortnightly homework plan.

4. Spelling, reading and basic facts homework is expected to be practised daily.
5. The homework set will be clearly explained.
6. The procedures and organisation for homework will be clearly established and consistently maintained in year levels and will vary from class to class.
7. Homework will be marked, recorded appropriately and provide clear feedback for children.
8. The time allocations for each class are approximately:

Year 1,2,3	9. 15 –20 minutes
Year 5	10. 20 – 40 minutes
Year 6	11. 30 – 50 minutes

9. Parents should communicate with the teacher when their child has not completed set homework or is experiencing difficulties.