ST AGNES SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

This homework policy has been developed through collaboration with the Governing Council, staff and students. Strong partnerships between students, staff and parents with agreed common goals and expectations enable students to be effective learners.

POLICY DETAILS

Our policy aims to provide homework to meet the current needs of learners which may include tasks to support the development of lifelong learning skills. Students will provided with a range of activities including home activities, physical activity and

development of academic skills. Homework will support students to plan and develop time management and organisational skills.

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A GUIDE TO HOMEWORK TIMES AND TASKS:

The following are guidelines as to how much and how often homework will be set. It is important to understand that students may take varying times to complete tasks; therefore the times below are an overall guide. As a school, we are mindful around the development of the whole child and therefore homework may include an activity that is family based.

As a general rule homework will not be set on Fridays. However there may be some project type work set in primary years that may require time management of work over a set period of time.

Junior Primary (Reception – Yr 2)

Mon - Thurs:

Up to 10 mins a night. (3 times per week)

Primary (Years 3-7)

Mon-Thurs:

Yr 3/4 – 20 mins per night

Yr 4/5/6 – 25 - 30 mins per night

Yr 7 - 30 - 45 mins per night

(noting that year 8 students at Banksia Park

International High School are expected to do 90

minutes per day of homework)

Tasks may include:

- Reading aloud
- Practising sight words/sound and letter names
- Number fact practice
- Presentation preparation (show & tell, oralpresentation)
- Reinforcing skills taught in class
- Extending knowledge, skills & concepts taught in class
- Projects/ assignments
- Contract type work set over the week
- Finding resources
- Family based activity

Student responsibilities:

- Complete all work set to the best of their ability in the given timeframes
- Discuss any concerns regarding homework with their teachers

Teacher responsibilities:

- Set realistic, meaningful, relevant tasks
- Follow up
- Provide information to parents about homework

Parent/Caregiver responsibilities:

- Support/assist child
- Encourage regular homework habits
- Praise child's efforts
- Communicate with teachers if there are any concerns regarding homework or homework is unable to be completed
- Guide child to work independently

Teachers' expectations regarding homework will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

Homework will be recorded in communication books, homework books or diaries.

If you have concerns about how much homework your child is set or the level of difficulty of homework, please make contact with the teacher and arrange a time to discuss your concerns.

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