



# St Munchin's Catholic School

## Homework Policy

Regular homework is a valuable aspect of the learning process and contributes to the development of sound study habits. It is seen as an integral part of the programme of the school.

The amount of homework set and the expected time allocation will vary from class to class depending upon the developmental requirement of children. Specific requirements will be detailed through correspondence from teachers. Homework procedures may vary from class to class depending on the needs of the children and the teaching/learning programme in place within the classroom.



An important element in the success of this programme is the support and encouragement offered by parents. The role of parents is to provide an appropriate study environment and to show an interest in the work, thus ensuring its completion. On occasions, parental assistance may be required to complete certain tasks.

All teachers are free to use homework as a valuable tool in training children to complete set work independently. However there are many ways in which you can help:

- Help schedule a time to do homework, showing that it is an important priority and that you value its worth
- If possible, provide a quiet area for your child to work.
- Let your child work on his or her own, but let them know you are available for help.
- Be aware that there is a difference between being a resource and consultant and hovering over a child with constant advice.
- Be available to check work if needed and to check whether the assignment has been completed.
- Remember nothing can help like a hug, smile and a word of approval. Be encouraging and supportive. Your attitude can be contagious!

## **Year Level Time Allocation for Homework**

Junior Primary	15 to 30 minutes
Middle Primary	30 to 45 minutes
Upper Primary	45 to 60 minutes