

Home Learning Policy 2026

Purpose

This policy outlines how home learning is planned, implemented and managed for students, parents and teachers. Home learning can offer many benefits for primary school students when it is purposeful and well balanced. This policy supports these benefits by providing a clear, consistent and flexible approach. It aims to encourage curiosity, balance and the development of positive, lifelong learning habits.

Rationale

This policy has been informed by:

- Analysis of current academic research
- Reflection and input from all staff members about the effectiveness of previous home learning policies at our school

Reading

Daily reading is an expectation of each student in each year level. This expectation will be established and reinforced by year level teams. This expectation may range from five minutes (reading and/or being read to) for Foundation students and up to 30 minutes of independent reading for Year Six students.

Daily home reading is the cornerstone and focus of our approach to home learning.

Maths

All students will be provided with a subscription (username and password) to **Mathletics** and **Numbots (F-6)** and **Times Table Rockstars (3-6)** as part of the school's annual levies. These sites are our recommended tool for parents to assist their children to home and practise their skills in all dimensions of Mathematics.

Learning at Home

We expect the following from students of St Monica's:

	Reading	Maths	Other
Foundation - Year 2	<p>Reading a take-home-reader to an adult <u>every night</u></p> <p>Reading Journal to be filled in daily (adults to help if necessary)</p> <p>Teacher to check Reading Journal regularly</p>	<p>Mathletics - Recommended for 10 minutes <u>2-3 nights per week</u></p> <p>and/or</p> <p>Numbots - Recommended for 5 minutes <u>2-3 nights per week</u></p>	<p>Tasks may be assigned by the teacher to support learning in class.</p> <p>Teacher will communicate task requirements and timeline to parents via Seesaw or the nForma Parent Portal.</p>
Year 3 - Year 6	<p>Students are to read for 30 minutes each school night.</p> <p>Students to record title of book and number of pages read.</p> <p>Student journal to be signed by adult weekly (on Thursday nights)</p> <p>Signed by Teacher weekly (on Fridays)</p>	<p>Mathletics - Complete Mathletics activities for 10 mins 2-3 nights per week and record at least one activity/topic eg. Addition - magic squares.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Times Table Rockstars Spend at least 3 minutes 2-3 times a week in the Times Table Rockstar Garage and record in journal</p>	<p>Students may also elect to engage with home based projects such as the Science Fair.</p>

Occasional Tasks

No provision in this policy shall prevent classroom teachers from setting tasks for their whole class from time to time. Such tasks might include a speaking and listening activity, an interview with a parent about a specific issue e.g. puberty or environmental awareness. Teachers will communicate task requirements and timelines to parents. Parents and children are encouraged to discuss any issues such tasks may present with the classroom teacher.

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