



HOME LEARNING POLICY 2023

PURPOSE

This policy provides a framework to support students, parents and teachers with the implementation and management of home learning. There are many potential benefits of home learning in a primary school setting. This policy seeks to promote these benefits within a flexible, but consistent and clear framework. This policy aims to promote balance and curiosity in the lives of our students and to foster positive, lifelong learning and study 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 45 minutes of independent reading for Year Six students.

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

MATHEMATICS

All students will be provided with a subscription (username and password) to Mathletics as part of the school's annual levies. This site is our recommended tool for parents to assist their children to hone and practise their skills in all dimensions of Mathematics.

LEARNING AT HOME

Parents are encouraged to assist their children with learning at home. A formal, prescriptive and assessed program is not required for home learning to be beneficial. Each year, teachers provide advice to parents regarding shared home activities that will enhance student learning.

This may include the following:

Spelling

Reading

Mathematics related tasks

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.

OTHER HOME LEARNING

Aside from reading, Mathematics and occasional learning tasks already covered in this policy, no regular, formal, teacher-designed and assessed home learning program encompassing a whole grade or year level of students will be provided at St Monica's Primary School.

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