



## Homework Procedures

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School sees homework as valuable to reinforce skills taught at school, however, also believe children need time to relax and recharge after a busy day at school. Therefore, time out to play and become involved in extra-curricular activities is seen as important in the development of a balanced, healthy and active lifestyle.

Here at St Bernadette's, we believe that homework is worthwhile because it has the potential to:

- extend learning opportunities beyond the school environment.
- develop, consolidate and reinforce skills and understandings presented in class.
- give children an opportunity to develop and practise good organisational and time management skills across their years of schooling.

The school values and understands that family and special occasions may mean that homework is not always completed and that these are also important learning experiences. Parents are asked to send a short note should homework be incomplete. Parents are reminded that:

- Homework is the responsibility of the home.
- Homework will be set from Monday to Thursday (This allows for students to organise their week).
- Homework will be modified as necessary.
- Teachers will provide families with access to an online 'Extra Folder' each term for those who would like some extra ideas to do at home.
- Teachers are available to answer questions **from students** about their homework from 8.35am – 8.45am each morning.
- Homework will not be set for students who are away on holiday.

## **Homework Time Allocations:**

We recommend the following times for each year level. They include plenty of opportunities to enjoy reading- to be read to, to read independently and to read to others.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>English and Maths</b>
Pre-Primary	Minimum 10 minutes	10 minutes (2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester)
Years 1 – 2	Minimum 10 minutes	10 minutes
Years 3 – 4	Minimum 15 minutes	20 minutes
Years 5 – 6	Minimum 20 minutes	30 minutes

## **How Parents/Guardians can support their child's learning at home**

1. To support their child by being involved and understand their homework requirements.
2. Read with and to your child regularly. Mix it up and make it fun!
3. Providing an area where the child feels comfortable.
4. To provide equipment – e.g. pencils, separate to what the child has at school.
5. Keeping to the time limit and open communication. If it regularly takes too long – let the teacher know!

Teachers will review homework on Friday and address queries with students.