

Home Learning Policy

The students at St Lawrence Primary school are provided with **ESSENTIAL** home learning each week as described below:

PREP	Home reading, 'Magic Words' and counting/number activities
GRADE 1/2	Home reading, 'Magic Words', spelling and maths activities
GRADE 3/4	Home reading, spelling and maths activities
GRADE 5/6	Home reading, spelling and maths activities

The following will also be ESSENTIAL home learning, as it is needed:
Religion, Inquiry or Challenge Based Learning (CBL)

The students at St Lawrence will also be given **home learning choices**. These are optional; they are there for those families who have asked for more home activities.

- Children in grades Prep to 4 should spend **up to** 30 minutes per day
- Children in grade 5/6 should spend **up to** 45 minutes per day
- Please notify your child's teacher if s/he is spending more time than this on home learning
- Home learning will be revision of class learning
- We recognise that many children are involved in sporting and recreational activities after school and therefore acknowledge that families make choices about how much home learning their children complete
- We recognise that learning at home is a family choice and therefore won't be following up tasks which are not completed for Prep – Grade 4 students. We will strongly encourage students in Grade 5 & 6 to complete home learning in preparation for secondary school expectations.

Homework Procedures Followed at St Lawrence:

- Students will be given their home learning tasks on Mondays and expected to return them by Friday of the following fortnight (Arrangements for grade 5/6 may differ due to the nature of the tasks given)
- Parents are asked to sign the home learning each week to acknowledge their involvement/participation/supervision of their child's work
- Teachers will initial the home learning to acknowledge sighting it
- Written home learning tasks will not be set in the first and last week of each term and during camp programs
- Prep and grade 1/2 students will start home learning at a suitable time in term 1

Parents can help their children by:

- Showing interest in your child's home learning and discussing it with him/her
- Ensuring your child has the time and place to complete his/her home learning
- Ensuring your child completes the set tasks to the best of his/her ability
- Signing your child's home learning and reminding them to take it to school on the relevant Friday
- Signing your child's reading log/record sheet each weeknight
- Contacting your child's teacher if you have any concerns about home learning
- Helping your child to balance the amount of time spent completing home learning, watching television, playing computer games and playing sports or engaging in recreational activities
- Encouraging children in grades 5 & 6 to start to manage their own time and organization of home learning so as to develop good study habits for secondary school