

Our Lady of Lourdes, Baulkham Hills South HOMEWORK POLICY

1. RATIONALE

This Homework Policy will help teachers, parents and students appreciate the important place homework plays in children's learning. Homework helps to develop sound study habits by reinforcing concepts treated in class. It also allows the growth of independent learning by promoting the development of self-discipline, responsibility and organisational skills.

2. AIMS

- 2.1 *To provide guidelines for staff when setting homework.*
- 2.2 *To provide parents with an understanding of staff expectations regarding the amount of homework appropriate for each stage.*

3. IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 *Each child will be given homework on a regular, week-nightly basis. As a general rule there is no homework set on weekends.*
- 3.2 *The amount of homework per night will vary according to age and learning needs of the child. As a general rule, the amount of homework per night should be approximately:*
K-2: 10- 20 minutes Years 3-4: 30 minutes Years 5-6: 45 minutes
- 3.3 *Priority will be given to the development of literacy and numeracy skills. The completion of classroom tasks (such as colouring-in and spelling mistakes) should not dominate homework time.*
- 3.4 *Parents should be informed of homework set, especially changes to set routines such research tasks.*
- 3.5 *Teachers will be responsible for reviewing, marking, monitoring and reporting set homework tasks.*
- 3.6 *Parents will be notified if children fail to complete homework regularly.*
- 3.7 *Homework will not be provided to children who cannot attend school due to illness or holiday.*

BASIS OF DISCRETION

Teachers may depart from these guidelines if they believe different arrangements are in the best interests of the child. Weekly contract work (for example) may be set or children may choose to use their leisure time on weekends or outside the set homework time to complete extension activities or research tasks. If parents feel their child has spent sufficient time with homework, they may stop them at their discretion.