St. Gerard Majella School
Homework Policy

PREAMBLE

The purpose of homework is:
- To practise the skills and reinforce work learned in class;
- To encourage the development of independent study habits;
- To give parents an opportunity to share in their children’s learning;
- To develop the students’ sense of responsibility;
- To refine students’ skills of time management and organisation;

POLICY

Each child will be assigned homework on a regular basis. The amount of homework will vary according to the age, learning needs and home circumstances of each child. Homework will involve tasks which revise what has been taught in class or related to topics/themes being covered in class or school and students are capable of completing independently within the recommended times. Parents will assist by monitoring the completion of homework.

VALUES

Compassion, Justice, Responsibility, Commitment, Endurance and Communication.

PRINCIPLES

- Reading will always be part of homework.
- Recommended times for year levels are:
  o In Prep students generally will not be set homework;
  o Yr 1-3: up to an hour per week
  o Yr 4&5: up to 2 – 3 hours per week;
  o Yr 6&7: up to 3 – 4 hours per week.
- Teachers will correct homework regularly.
- All children are expected to complete set homework.
- There would be consequences for chronic failure and/or refusal to complete homework, with regard for special individual or family circumstances.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s renewal cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Board on 22 October 2014

Chair Signature

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