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# **SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY**

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Following the staff consideration of recent research and investigation done by Ian Lillico, Maggie Dent, Robert J Marzano and Debra J Pickering, it was decided that homework at Sacred Heart would be altered.

Homework should include such activities as reading, spelling and times tables practice. It may also include introducing new content, practising a skill or process that students can do independently but not fluently, elaborating on information that has been addressed in class to deepen students' knowledge and providing opportunities for students to explore topics of their own interest. As a result, homework will vary from class to class.

Teachers are asked to:

- Be mindful of the time limit set for each task.
- Set homework that is meaningful and purposeful.
- Set homework at an appropriate level of difficulty for individual students.
- Provide timely feedback regarding homework tasks.

Parents are asked to assist their children by:

- Setting aside a space in the home where homework can be completed. The space should be quiet and clutter free.
- Helping organise the tasks that need to be completed.
- Showing an active interest in homework by asking questions, monitoring progress and clarifying information.
- Being mindful of the amount of quality time their child is spending on a particular task.
- Giving positive praise and feedback to their child.