

## **ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL KWINANA HOMEWORK POLICY**

On enrolment parents agree to support the school's policies, in this instance the Homework Policy. It is in keeping with this agreement that parents check the homework set by the teacher and ensure the child completes the assigned work. If a parent decides that their child does not have to complete homework on a particular night, a letter of explanation must be forwarded to the teacher the following morning.

### **RATIONALE**

Homework is an important part of children's education. It helps maintain communication between school and home, develops in children a sense of self discipline, a sense of responsibility for their learning and pride in their achievements. Homework also helps reinforce basic concepts and skills taught in class. Homework should be regular, relaxed, non-threatening and of benefit to the child.

### **HOMEWORK ORGANIZATION**

Some considerations to make homework successful and enjoyable:-

- Children feel secure when they have a routine to follow
- Where possible, have a place where your child can do his/her homework without being disturbed by younger brothers and sisters, and he/she will not easily be distracted by TV, etc. Ideally this place would be one where he/she can leave work and come back later
- Have a time every night when your child completes homework, other than reading
- Have a time when the whole family (together) can read and be read to

***All written homework will be checked by the teacher regularly.***

***Teachers will set homework that is within their children's capabilities.  
Homework should not require parents to have to teach their children.***

### **Years 1 and 2**

15 to 20 minutes per night Monday - Thursday

Homework will include:-

- READING** - encourage every night
  - ideally you should read to and with your child
  - ideally you should listen to and ask questions about what your child has read

**SPELLING - LOOK** at the word  
**COVER** the word  
**WRITE** the word  
**CHECK** the word

*This format should be followed for all words children need to learn. There may be a spelling activity to complete also.*

**Parents are to be aware that there may be some activities from other learning areas included in their homework.**

**YEARS 3 to 6** will receive formal homework:

**YEAR 3** – 15 to 20 minutes Monday to Thursday inclusive.

**YEAR 4** - 20 to 25 minutes Monday to Thursday inclusive.

**YEAR 5** - 25 to 30 minutes Monday to Thursday inclusive.

**YEAR 6** - 30 to 35 minutes Monday to Thursday inclusive.

*In the case where the teacher felt that a child had sufficient time to complete classroom work, but it was not completed, this work will then be assigned as homework to be completed that night.*