



# Whitford Catholic Primary School

## HOMEWORK POLICY

Review: 2016

### RATIONALE

At Whitford Catholic Primary School, we believe that homework is a worthwhile task when it is seen to extend learning opportunities beyond the school environment and have a positive effect on student achievement.

Homework should be a positive learning tool that develops, consolidates and reinforces skills and understandings presented in class.

We recognise and strongly agree that homework assists in developing sound work routines, organisational skills, fluency and self-discipline and should be of educational value.

### GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The purpose of homework is for students to:

- Practise and reinforce what has been learned in class
- Develop sound study and work habits
- Create opportunities to develop fluency in certain areas

### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Homework is the responsibility of the home. Parents can support their children's learning at home by:

- Encouraging personal reading each night (approximately 20 minutes)
- Consolidating spelling / phonics and number facts, including times tables
- Helping to gather items that need to be brought from home to complete class activities
- Providing a quiet area where the child feels comfortable
- Providing the necessary equipment to complete the homework
- Demonstrating an interest and offering guidance – acting as a facilitator but not solving the homework task

### COMMUNICATION

Teachers will communicate to parents the home study expectations for their particular classes throughout the year.