Vision Statement

At St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School, we strive to provide an education of excellence, through commitment to the Catholic tradition and living in a community where respect, justice and faith are celebrated.
INTRODUCTION

St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School community promotes and encourages learning at home. Homework should be a purposeful and affirming experience for both students and parents.

Our philosophy, is aligned to the CESA Re-Imagining Childhood strategy, where we acknowledge that all children are competent and whose learning journey will lead us to ‘look at him or her with different eyes in order to empower their right to learn and to know, to find the meaning of life and of their own lives, alone and with others.” [Carla Rinaldi – Reggio Emilia]

RATIONALE

We believe Homework should:

- Be a positive experience for students and parents
- Have a clearly defined time limit
- Should promote responsibility
- Be differentiated to suit the needs of students

PRINCIPLES + AIMS

TEACHERS

- Encourage students as independent learners at home
- Provide clear and explicit options, encouragement and expectations
- Acknowledge and value any learning experiences undertaken at home

PARENTS

- Respect the child’s knowledge and skills and encourage a love of learning
- Sign the diary to acknowledge learning and/or learning experiences

STUDENTS

[R-2]

- Read at least three times per week
- Other activities as arranged

[3-7]

- Accept responsibility for independent learning
- Maintain a record of learning tasks and/or experiences in their diary
IMPLEMENTATION

**Early Years**

**Reception - Year 1**

*Suggested time:* Children should spend a minimum of 10 minutes per night, three nights per week on home learning

*Suggested Activities:*

- Reading
  - Students reading take-home reader or good fit book
  - Parents reading to child

  Homework Grid as optional extra

**Year 2**

*Suggested time:* Children should spend a minimum of 15 minutes per night, three nights per week on home learning

*Suggested Activities:*

- Reading
  - Students read take-home reader or good fit book

  Homework Grid as optional extra

**Primary Years**

**Year 3 & Year 4**

*Suggested time:* Children should spend a minimum of 15 minutes per night, four nights per week on home learning

*Suggested Activities:*

- Reading
  - Encourage daily reading
  - One response to a reading task per week from the Home Learning Grid

  Numeracy Packs: optional

**Middle Years**

**Year 5, Year 6 & Year 7**

*Suggested time:* Children should spend a minimum of 20 minutes per night, four nights per week on home learning

*Suggested Activities:*

- Reading
  - Encourage reading
  - One response to a reading task per week from the Home Learning Grid

Optional extra from the Homework Grid
Please note:

If students are spending too long on tasks or finding Home Learning too onerous, class teachers should be notified.

Home Learning is to be recorded in student diaries / reading diaries and signed off by parent/caregiver.

A Homework Grid is a selection of various learning activities and/or tasks.

Home Learning for students with special needs may be modified.

Appendix showing examples of Homework Grid.