ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
TWEED HEADS

HOMEWORK POLICY
2014

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GENERAL STATEMENT: St. Joseph’s School accepts that homework should be a purposeful learning experience and that it may contribute in a number of ways to the development and extension of the child’s learning and the school programme.

AIMS:

- To enable pupils to assimilate and consolidate work given at school
- To train and cultivate habits of self-directed reading and home study
- To develop the home-school partnership in the education of the child
- To give the child the opportunity to develop independent study skills.
- To make a link between school and Religion being taught.

SCHOOL POLICY: It is the prerogative of teachers to develop programmes of homework for individual children and/or class groups. Such programmes will be reflective of one or more of the stated aims will be developed within the following framework:-

a) School requirements in regard to homework will be communicated to parents at the parent/teacher meeting early in Term 1.
b) Homework will not be set as a punishment for the class
c) Parents are asked to encourage, supervise and sign the child’s written homework with attention given to the quality of handwriting and general presentation of work
d) The completion of set homework is left to the discretion of individual parents
e) Teachers will correct whatever work is completed by the due date.
f) KWL (To Know Worship and Love) will be sent home periodically as a unit is studied.
HOMEWORK GUIDELINES:
- Kindergarten and Year 1 – not to exceed 20 minutes
- Years 2 and 3 – no more than 30 minutes set on any or all of the four nights of the week. No weekend work
- Years 4 to 6 – 30 minutes per night on all of the four nights of the week. In addition assigned work (research projects) from time to time.