



St Patrick's Parish School K-6 Home Learning

At St Patrick's we have a holistic view of the child. Therefore, the demands of home learning completion should be proportional to the sporting, cultural and social activities a student can participate in outside school hours. Home learning reinforces the learning in class, can prepare students for upcoming lessons, teaches study habits that can help students in the later years of schooling and can allow parents to take some interest in the work being taught in class.

The due date for home learning task completion must always take into account family commitments and weekly changes of routine. A student who finds concepts difficult should have work set that takes into account the recommended minutes per week and reflects their level of understanding.

The following procedures have been written with these considerations in mind.

- Students will be expected to complete home learning tasks most school weeks.
- The time a student spends on home learning tasks each night should **not** exceed the following:
 - **Kinder** - 10 minutes (Sight Words and Readers)
 - **Stage 1** - 15 minutes (Sight Words, Readers, Numeracy)
 - **Stage 2** - 20 minutes (Literacy, Numeracy, Multiplication Tables, Reading)
 - **Stage 3** - 25 minutes (Literacy, Numeracy, Multiplication Tables, Reading)
- After the allocated time frame, students can cease all home learning tasks.
- Students can choose to complete more home learning tasks if they wish.
- Home learning tasks **should not** be given when it is due the next day, unless the student has failed to meet the minimum of class expectations. Home learning tasks are not to be done over the weekend or on school holidays.
- Students may be asked to catch up on home learning tasks for up to 20 minutes during lunch or recess if they fail to complete it by the due date, unless a note is provided by a parent or guardian.
- Contact between the teacher and parent should be made if:
 - A student fails to complete home learning tasks on a regular basis
 - If family, sporting or social commitments mean a student cannot always hand in home learning tasks by the due date
 - If a student is finding the home learning tasks set too difficult or too easy.