St Francis School Homework Policy

1. Policy Statement: All classroom teachers at St Francis Catholic Primary School will provide homework from Years 1-6; reading will be a part of homework. Prep teachers will provide a home reading program for students at their individual 'point of readiness'.

2. Policy Objectives: “Overall, it appears that some homework is preferable to too much or none at all, but the time devoted to homework must accord with the student’s age and stage of development.”

We at St Francis believe that assigning homework further develops children’s self-discipline and study skills.

Focus on values of responsibility, self-discipline and growth.

3. Guidelines:

3.1 Considerations for assigning homework:

When assigning homework, teachers will cater for the following:

a. ABILITIES: The recognition that self-discipline and study skills are developmental.

b. NEEDS: Many children participate in 'after school' activities which may be at least as, or more beneficial to a child’s needs.

c. NEEDS: The recognition that not all families have access to ICT and technological resources or the internet.

3.2 Quantity of homework:

Homework expectations will be guided by the following:

- **Years 1, 2 and 3:** up to but not more than 1 hour per WEEK.
- **Years 4 and 5:** up to but not more than 2 hours per WEEK.
- **Year 6:** up to but not more than 3 hours per WEEK.
3.3 Homework Procedures:

1. The Homework Grid will be used by teachers in Years 1-5.

2. Parent information nights will explain homework and reading programs.

3. Teachers will be available for consultation if students or parents of students need clarification with homework.

4. Homework will be appropriate to the NEEDS and ABILITIES of all students. (Please refer to the PREAMBLE above.)

5. Homework will not be used for assessment purposes, with the exception of Year 6.

6. Homework activities will reinforce concepts covered in class.

7. Homework will be completed with minimal parental assistance. Parental assistance should focus on: guidance with time management; provision of an appropriate environment and required tools; encouragement.

8. Homework feedback to students will be timely.

9. Homework will not be used for behaviour management.

10. Non completion of homework will not result in consequences at school.

4. Reference Documents & Information

