

HOME LEARNING GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

St John's Lutheran School values the diversity of our students' learning journeys. We believe that learning occurs in all circumstances in our lives and learning is lifelong. Finding balance in the things we do is vital and while home learning is important for students, so too are the other healthy activities that young people need to undertake. We want our students to be well rounded and engaged in their learning and continuing to build their knowledge and skills.

AIMS

- To complement student's learning
- To encourage the habit of reading for pleasure
- To practise skills and processes to increase accuracy and fluency
- To foster lifelong learning and study habits
- To provide an opportunity for students to become responsible for their own learning

TYPES OF WORK WHICH COULD BE INCLUDED

- Reading independently, with, to, and by parents or caregivers depending on student's age and ability.
- Vocabulary work including; high frequency words, spelling
- Mathematical fundamentals including: number facts, tables, etc.

***At times, students may devote some home learning time to research for assigned: project work, talks, book reports, etc. to supplement class tasks. This will be incidental and not a consistent part of homework. ***

To achieve our aims, we ask that parents and teachers work together to help foster good lifelong learning and study habits that ultimately give students the skills to be independent in their learning both at school and at home. This can be assisted by a parent's signature to indicate that they have seen the set home learning tasks.

TIME ALLOCATION

We encourage families to set aside a regular amount of time during the week that suits your family to complete these tasks. This will look different for families depending on other commitments they have. Students could spend up to an hour a week in Year 1-3, one to two hours a week in Year 4-6 and four to six hours for Year 7-9.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

It is expected that students in secondary school will refer to their Google Classroom account for their homework tasks. Students can expect between four and five hours of homework per week, depending on the workload and when assessments are due.

Students in secondary school have compulsory 'study time' for one lesson per week and access to a non-compulsory study time before school one morning a week. This study time is supervised by teachers of core learning areas and gives students the opportunity to gain feedback and extra help with set homework or assessments.