

Homework at St Francis Xavier

At St Francis Xavier we acknowledge the vast learning opportunities available to students at home. We recognise that the outside school activities students are involved in, contribute greatly to their physical, social, emotional and academic growth. We recognise that students work hard at school.

At St Francis Xavier we value homework as an activity to consolidate the knowledge and skills already learnt in class. Homework may consist of reading, spelling practice, number facts or completing unfinished work. We believe that homework has the potential to teach students organisational skills and is an opportunity for them to practise persistence, responsibility and time management skills.

At St Francis Xavier we recognise the importance of reading and encourage students to engage in reading on a daily basis. This can include reading to your child, reading with your child or listening to you child read. Research demonstrates that reading has a significant impact on educational achievement.

At St Francis Xavier we believe that homework should be differentiated to cater to the individual needs of each student. Teachers are responsible for modifying homework and tasks are open to negotiation with parents and students. Teachers are also responsible for marking and providing feedback.

At St Francis Xavier we believe that homework should be completed at home under the supervision of parents. It is expected that parents play a role in ensuring that homework is completed and submitted on time. Consequences for not completing homework is a joint decision negotiated by teachers and parents.

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| Prep – Year 2 | Approx. 15 minutes each school night |
| Year 3 – 6 | Less than 30 minutes each school night |
| If your child is spending longer than the expected time on homework, please contact your child's class teacher so that a mutually agreed achievable goal for homework can be set. | |