



# St Margaret College

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## Homework Policy May 2013

Homework should be given  
to consolidate work,  
to supplement but not replace classwork,  
provide opportunity for parents/carers to be involved in the development of their children,  
to give students a wider scope for research, organisation of own tasks.

Homework should enhance learning in a differentiated way and so should be given according to the needs of children. Can take various forms like

Writing tasks,  
Reading tasks,  
Research tasks,  
Study tasks or  
Projects

**The amount of Homework given should allow enough time after school for the holistic development of students**

At Kindergarten level it could be  
finding pictures/objects, reading with parents or any other suitable task

Written work should take the following time

Years 1 - 2	10 – 20 minutes
Years 3 – 4	20 – 30 minutes
Year 5	30 – 40 minutes
Year 6	40 – 60 minutes

Reading should at least be of the following duration

Years 1 – 2	10 minutes
Years 3 – 4	15 minutes
Year 5	20 minutes
Year 6	30 minutes

### Responsibilities

**Teachers** are to give meaningful Homework and differentiate work according to the students' needs.

They are to explain clearly the tasks involved and see that students record the homework given accordingly.

Teachers are to communicate with parents as to the outcome of Homework .

They are to correct work well as formatively as possible and do so regularly.

**LSAs are** to adapt, reduce or change Homework given to assigned pupils after discussing with class teacher according to the needs and IEP of children assigned.

**Students are** to record the Homework given, clearly and in an organised way.  
They are to take all books, copybooks needed home.  
Students are to present their best work on time.

**Parents/ Guardians are** to support pupils  
to provide the right environment that is conducive to H.W.  
to check children's notebooks and any communication by teacher/LSA regularly  
to help with reading, finding pictures, information  
to inform teachers of any particular circumstance that might affect the children's work

#### Homework over holidays

Homework should be given as it is given during weekends...that is not overload children with many tasks as they and their parents/guardians have a right to rest during holidays too.

#### Homework in the case of sickness

Homework is given or not given to children who are sick at the discretion of the class teacher.  
The Teacher is not bound to correct Homework given when children are sick.