



# Christian Brothers College

## Junior Campus

# Homework Policy

At Christian Brothers College Junior Campus, we believe that Homework provides students with an opportunity to consolidate their classroom learning, foster positive study habits and time management skills to help develop the students into independent learners. Therefore, we believe that homework given in moderation and that the type of homework should reinforce existing or new skills.

### Aim

The Homework Policy aims to enhance the student learning through tasks that are:

- appropriate for both age and ability
- Relevant to their current needs
- purposeful and relevant to their learning goals
- Varied and challenging, but also achievable
- Clearly explained and requirements and expectation are explicitly discussed in class
- Mindful of students other commitments such as sport, music, family and cultural activities

### Time Allocation of Homework

Recent research supports the need for Primary aged children to spend quality time with their families with less academic pressure.

It also shows that homework is more effective when kept to a minimum and it is focussed and frequent.

- Reception to Year 2 – between 10-20 minutes a night practicing skills such as reading, sight words, letter sounds (phonics)
- Year 3-5 – between 20 to 30 minutes each night practicing skills
- Year 6 – between 30-40 minutes each night practicing skills

### Types of Homework

Homework grids used in Reception to Year 6 and could include a combination of any of the following items:

- Passion Projects used mainly in Year 6
- Reading
- Practice sight words / phonics
- Any physical activity
- Sporting practice and games
- Writing tasks
- Practicing and playing a musical instrument
- Household chores and other after school commitments
- QAR's
- Practising fluency in Mathematics

There will be times where no homework will be set and students will write this in their College Diary (distributed at the start of the school year).

We encourage all families to communicate with their classroom teacher if they are unable to complete any of the homework via SEQTA messaging.