

# Sancta Maria Junior School

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## HOMEWORK POLICY

To ensure that a harmonious relationship exists between educators, learners and parents it has become essential for a Homework Policy to be put in place.

At every level of a learner's schooling, homework plays an important part. As the first/primary educators of their children parents/care-givers should be an integral part of their education when they reach the age of formal education.

Homework is the re-enforcement of the basic knowledge that has been taught at school for the Foundation Phase. Intermediate and Senior Phase does not only include re-enforcement but also research and completion of given tasks.

The educator sets the work according to the outline of the specific Learning Area. Parents/care-givers should not teach their children but rather note what the child is not able to grasp and then inform the educator e.g. - Multiplication -  $678 \times 491$  - learner has no idea of method or times tables. If child has no idea of the method then the educator must re-teach such but when a Grade 7 learner does not know that  $7 \times 8 = 56$ , then somewhere along the line the learners times tables concept has not been re-inforced.

Reading, spelling, bonds and times tables are given from Grade 1 up and should be re-inforced at home.

Parents/Caregivers should check what homework their children have and ensure that it is done and then sign their notebooks/homework books or files.

Time guidelines for homework is as follows from Monday to Thursday:

Grade 1	Reading / Bonds / Sounds	+/- 30 minutes
2	"	+/- 30 minutes
3	"	+/- 45 minutes
4	All Learning Areas	1 hour
5	"	1.15 hours
6	"	1.30 hours
7	"	2 hours

A weaker learner might take a bit longer. No homework is given on Fridays. Please note that these are guidelines.

(a) Educators responsibility

Ensure that the learner understands what is expected by giving clear instructions and guidelines.



- (b) Learners responsibility Grade 4 – 7  
Copy down given work in homework notebook.  
Foundation Phase – give parent/caregiver homework sheet/notebook.
- (c) Parent/Caregiver  
Listen to the reading etc.  
**Check that work is done.** Do not do the work for the learner.  
Sign the homework notebook when the work is completed

The homework book should be a three-way communication between educator, learner and parent/caregiver.

Do not mark work. No comments in books please.

**Work not completed will result in:**

Grade 7 learners will remain behind the same day.  
Parents to give learners money for public transport or fetch at 15h00.

Grade 4 – 6 If homework is not done, learners will remain in during breaks and after school the following day and it is the parents' responsibility to see that transport is provided.

Grade 1 – 3 If learners do not do their work then it cannot be assessed and parents must realise that the learner might have to remain in the same grade for another year.

A withdrawal of some privileges by the parents at home for learners who do not do their work is advised.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Caregiver

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Educator

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Learner

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed  \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal

Date \_\_\_\_\_

