RATIONALE
At St John’s Grammar School we believe that homework is a necessary and vital component of a child’s formal education. We believe that homework should recognise and reflect current classroom practices, provide for extension, and cater for the pursuit of self-direction and open ended tasks. It is viewed as a contract between the student and the teacher, with parents providing a supporting role.

The aims of the homework include the facilitation of:

- greater organisational skills
- independence
- responsibility
- student/teacher/parent interaction
- improved time management skills
- self discipline
- preparation for secondary school
- establishing routines
- practice of specific skills
- preparation for further tasks/lessons
- extension through integration and application of skills and concepts
- completion of assigned tasks
- management of tasks over an extended period.

EXPECTATIONS
The amount set for homework may vary depending on the students’ efficiency of work habits, output in school time, stage of development, skills and organisation. **Times are guidelines only.**

For children from Reception to Year 2, school work at home is informal. However, parents are encouraged to hear their children read as often as possible. In Year 2, 10 minutes of homework per night may be set, Monday to Thursday.

Children in Year 3 are expected to spend 20 minutes per night, Monday to Thursday and for Year 4 students there is an expectation of 30 minutes per night, Monday to Thursday.

Year 5 students can expect 45 minutes homework to be set each night Monday to Thursday, and for Year 6, 60 minutes each night, Monday to Thursday.

We encourage all children to read each night.

Please note that homework is not set over weekends.

At the teacher’s discretion homework may be shortened or cancelled due to weather conditions.
THE PARENTS’ ROLE
We ask that an appropriate homework area and appropriate materials are made available for the student, and that distractions and interruptions are kept to a minimum.

Please encourage and support your child by taking an active interest in his/her work and by supervising and maintaining routines.

We ask that you keep in close contact with your child’s teacher and communicate any difficulties, concerns and/or positives concerning the set tasks.

Children from Year 3 onwards are issued with diaries. Please check and initial diary on completion of tasks. We encourage you to use the diary to communicate any concerns and/or achievements.