Rationale:

- Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Communicating with parents/carers student learning through relevant tasks.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To foster communication between home & school

Statement of the Policy

Homework will be offered in all Year levels at Sacred Heart. Transition will not have homework till semester 2. There will be maximum times set recommended for homework at different levels. Year 6 students are strongly urged to be part of the homework programme as this helps develop study skills for High School. Parents/carers will be able to indicate at the beginning of each term if their child will be part of the homework programme. The completion & return of Homework is the joint responsibility of the student & parent in readiness for teacher marking. Parents/Carers each term will receive formal feedback on their child’s participation in the homework programme.

Implementation:

- The school’s homework policy will be distributed to parents/carers at the commencement of each school year.
• Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child’s skill level and age. At the beginning of each term each year level will be informed of homework requirements.
• Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended.
• Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
• Teachers will view homework regularly & provide formal feedback in the reporting process.
• If students have not returned their homework two weeks in a row the teacher will let the parent/carer know by letter or phone call.

**Transition – Year 4**

Homework will consist mainly of:
• reading activities to, with and by parents.
• Some sight words, spelling & basic maths facts skills practice
• simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.

*Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day.*

**Years 5 – 6**

Homework will consist mainly of:
• independent reading on a daily basis
• spelling & basic maths facts skills practice
• tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research.

*Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day, must be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload.*

• It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

**Evaluation:**

• This policy will be reviewed in 2 years time
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As part of our Homework Policy we ask that you complete the form below and return it to your child’s teacher.

My child, ________________________________, in Year

☐ will be participating in the class homework programme.

☐ will not be participating in the class homework programme.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: __________