

JONDARYAN STATE SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY



The homework guidelines for different age groups, as set by Education Queensland, are as follows:

- Homework in Prep, Years 1 and 2 could be up to - but generally not more than: an hour each week.
- Homework in Years 3 and 4 could be up to - but generally not more than: 2-3 hours each week.
- Homework in Years 5 and 6 could be up to - but generally not more than: 3-4 hours each week

At Jondaryan, our school policy is to set homework from Monday to Thursday nights, with completed homework handed in on a Friday. Incomplete homework without valid excuse will require the student to complete this work during lunchtime (for no longer than 20 minutes each lunchtime, in accordance with EQ detention policy).

The amount and type of homework to be completed will vary from class to class in line with the guidelines set out above.

Homework is set as a consolidation and revision exercise to assist classroom learning and develop organisational skills and study discipline. It will typically include reading, some written work, spelling, and basic maths skills. Such inclusions on any given week will be at the discretion of the classroom teacher. In older year levels, it may include more advanced research project work which may be completed over a number of weeks.

We encourage parents to assist with homework when necessary and write or approach the teacher about areas that may have presented problems. The development of a positive approach to study skills will serve the children well in future years.

Parents and caregivers can help their children by:

- reading to them, talking with them and involving them in tasks at home including shopping, playing games and physical activity.
- helping them to complete tasks by discussing key questions or directing them to resources.
- encouraging them to organise their time and take responsibility for their learning.
- encouraging them to read and to take an interest in and discuss current local, national and international events.
- helping them to balance the amount of time spent completing homework, watching television, playing computer games, playing sport and engaging in other recreational activities.
- contacting the relevant teacher to discuss any concerns about the nature of homework and their children's approach to the homework.