Our shared vision is to nurture and celebrate the uniqueness and giftedness given by God to each person in our ‘strong and gentle’ school community.

Our Mission is to provide learning excellence in a caring Catholic community.
INTRODUCTION

St Martin’s School views homework as a valuable time for students to consolidate concepts taught at school. It is also an opportunity for parents to engage with their child in regards to their school work. It is envisaged that homework does not require ‘teaching’ by parents, but may call for the positive reinforcement of concepts in order to clarify what is being asked via the homework task. The tasks should take a reasonable time to complete, if this is not the case, then parents should make an appointment to meet with the teacher.

The New South Wales DET Homework Policy states that homework is valuable because it:

- strengthens home – school links
- allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class
- teaches students how to plan and organise their time
- develops student’s research skills
- establishes habits of study, concentration and self discipline which will serve students for the rest of their lives
- reaffirms the role of parents and caregivers as partners in education
- provides parents and caregivers with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their children

(NSW DET Homework Policy p2)
HOMEWORK POLICY K-6

- Homework is set for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6.
- Teachers inform parents about homework expectations for their class at the beginning of the year ‘Parent Information Night’.
- Homework is viewed as a means of reinforcing, reviewing and consolidating work that has been completed in class.
- Homework assists students in developing independent study skills and allows parents to participate in their child’s learning.
- Homework for Special Needs Students is negotiated with the Class Teacher, Learning Support Teacher and the Parents of the student concerned.
- Teachers and parents will communicate about problems encountered with homework completion.
- Teachers are not expected to provide homework during holidays or in periods of absenteeism.
- Students and parents are expected to regularly access the class webpage (myclasses) to keep informed of student learning, eg. Unit of Study, homework and events.

K-6 HOMEWORK OVERVIEW

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<th>Year Level</th>
<th>Recommended Daily Time Allocation (Exclusive of reading)</th>
<th>Homework may include but is not limited to the following examples:</th>
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| Kindergarten | 0-10 minutes | - Reading (Complete Reading Log Books)  
- Sight Words  
- Maths Task |
| Year 1 | 10 minutes | - Reading (Complete Reading Log Books)  
- Spelling Task  
- Maths Task  
- Literacy Task |
| Year 2 | 10-15 minutes | - Reading (Complete Reading Log Books)  
- Spelling Task  
- Maths Task  
- Literacy Task |
| Year 3 | 15-20 minutes | - Reading (Complete Reading Log Books)  
- Spelling Task  
- Maths Task  
- Literacy Task  
- Complete School Diary and RE Task |
| Year 4 | 20-30 minutes | - Reading (Complete Reading Log Books)  
- Spelling Task  
- Maths Task  
- Literacy Task  
- Complete School Diary and RE Task |
| Year 5 | 30 – 40 minutes | - Reading (Complete Reading Log Books)  
- Spelling Task  
- Maths Task  
- Literacy Task  
- Complete School Diary and RE Task |
| Year 6 | up to 45 minutes | - Reading (Complete Reading Log Books)  
- Spelling Task  
- Maths Task  
- Literacy Task  
- Complete School Diary and RE Task |