



St Joseph's Primary School Kangaroo Point

HOMEWORK POLICY FOR FAMILIES ON LEAVE DURING SCHOOL TIME

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POLICY:

Holidays and leave taken by families during the school term are decisions that should be made carefully and responsibly with respect to the family's needs and their children's educational progress. In their absence from school, the teaching and learning of children becomes the responsibility of their parents and guardians.

PROCEDURE:

Teachers can assist to provide parents with Literacy and Numeracy activities that can be completed, corrected and monitored with parent assistance. These resources are provided with the understanding that parents recognise their children's absence as withdrawal from face to face classroom instruction. Many topics require discussion, exploration and research which therefore cannot be replaced by worksheets and/or paperwork. Particularly in the Early Years where the emphasis is on a negotiated curriculum, classroom focus can change on a regular basis. It is suggested that students complete a journal of their holiday time.

Curriculum resources are provided after collaboration and discussion with parents to determine the student's needs with regard to the length of time away from school.

Students at St. Joseph's are allocated 12 weeks holiday throughout the year. It is preferred that students holiday with their families during the dates nominated by Brisbane Catholic Education. We acknowledge that from time to time this is not always possible or negotiable for some families.