Rationale
Homework is a part of being at school. Most parents expect that their children will have some amount of homework each night. Homework can be a way of students learning self regulation, time management and broader concepts than can be covered in class. It also builds a sense of the students own responsibility for their learning. In primary school homework is one way of preparing students for high school, where they will be required to complete assignments at home as part of their assessment regime.

Aim
To provide guidelines for staff at Trinity Catholic School when setting homework for the students. To assist staff to set homework that is relevant, age appropriate and will assist the students’ learning.

Definitions
Homework: Work assigned by teachers to be completed by students outside of school hours.

Procedures
1. Homework expectations will be explained to the students at the beginning of each term and to the parents at the Parent Information Night in Term One.
2. Homework will be given according to the recommendations made below.
3. Teachers must be prudent in the setting of homework and the expectation that it will be completed by all children because of the wide variations in home conditions of the children.
4. Homework should not be assigned to complete an activity left unfinished from class if it cannot be completed without teacher assistance.
5. Students should be able to work independently to finish homework tasks.
6. Students in Years 3 – 6 will use the school diaries to write down their homework requirements each week.
7. Homework should be corrected, signed and dated as soon as possible after its completion.
8. It is recommended that homework for each class be as follows:
   - Kindergarten – Reading, Sounds or Sight Words (10 -15 mins)
   - Year 1 – Reading and Spelling (15 – 20 mins)
   - Year 2 – Reading, Spelling and Tables (25 – 30 mins)
   - Year 3 – Reading, Spelling, Tables, Maths Mentals (40 mins)
   - Year 4 – Reading, Spelling, Tables, Maths Mentals (40 mins)
   - Year 5 – Reading, Spelling, Tables, Maths Mentals, Language Task (50 – 60 mins)
   - Year 6 – Reading, Spelling, Tables, Maths Mentals, Language Task (50 – 60 mins)
9. During Sabbath Week only reading will be completed.
10. Homework may be modified for students who have difficulty completing the required tasks.
11. Assignments can be part of the homework schedule but should replace some other tasks rather than be in addition to regular homework tasks.
12. Homework is not optional at Trinity Catholic School.
13. Teachers will communicate with parents about students who habitually fail to complete homework. Individual modifications can be implemented to support the student and their family.
Evaluation
The Homework Policy will be reviewed in 2016 as part of the Trinity Catholic School five year cycle of review.