

POLICY: HOMEWORK



PURPOSE:

Homework supports the students by complimenting and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Parents, in partnership with the school, are to support their children in establishing good homework patterns and be responsible for their own learning.

AIMS:

- To support and extend classroom learning programs
- To provide further opportunities for parents to participate in their child's education
- To develop organisational, time management skills and self-discipline
- To encourage independent work that is interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open ended

IMPLEMENTATION:

- An overview of the school's homework policy will be published in the school newsletter at the commencement of each school year
- All students will have a homework book. The students in Years 3 to 6 will have diary. The classroom teacher will comment in these each week. All homework activities will be assessed and feedback will be provided
- Homework activities will be appropriate to individual needs
- Each activity will be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom program
- Parents are to check and sign all tasks.
- Strategies will be developed to support parents in becoming active partners in homework
- Parents will be contacted by the classroom teacher when homework is not completed on a regular basis or not handed in and a plan will be put into place for the child

Early Years (Prep – 4)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading to, with and by parents on a daily basis
- Activities associated with the classroom program
- Gathering of information or materials to support the classroom program
- Homework will not exceed 20 minutes per day

Middle Years (Years 5-6)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis
- Activities, including the continuation of classroom work, projects, research and assignments
- It is acceptable that teachers assign unfinished classroom work as homework
- Homework will not exceed 30 minutes per day

EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as necessary.