



Homework Policy

Purpose:

- The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and school staff expectations for homework and at-home learning.
- We acknowledge that homework should be tailored and adapted to suit the personal and developmental needs of students.
- Teachers will exercise their discretion in assigning tasks that are appropriate for their students and most likely to be meaningful.

Aim:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To help students develop positive study habits, organisational skills and time management.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To connect families with the learning of their children.
- To encourage parents/ carers of early primary school aged children to read to and with their children for enjoyment.

Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- All students are expected to partake in Home Reading daily, from home readers in Prep to more self-directed reading in senior grades.
- Home Readers are not restricted to class sets but may be other materials chosen by students and parents.
- The p-2 class teacher will hold an information session in term 1 to outline the skills and expectations for Home Reading.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age with modification for some students.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- Homework tasks should have a direct link to tasks that are more suited to the home learning environment such as measurement tasks from the kitchen or garage.
- Teachers will provide feedback and support to students on a regular basis.

Prep –Grade 2

Homework will consist mainly of:

- reading activities to, with and by parents/ carer or older sibling
- simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- occasional gathering of additional information or materials

Homework will generally not exceed 15 minutes per day. Home Reading should be at least 5 minutes daily.

Grade 3– 6

Homework will consist mainly of:

- independent reading on a daily basis.
 - tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and research.
 - unfinished classroom activities may be assigned as homework tasks.
- If a child in grade 5-6 repeatedly neglects to complete homework, the school will provide a supportive lunch time environment to assist in the completion of the task.
 - The 3-6 class teachers will outline the homework expectations at the beginning of each term.

Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day. Home Reading should be at least 15 minutes daily.

Teachers at our school understand that students have different learning styles and interests, and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If you are concerned that your child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set for them, or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage you to speak to us.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's 3 year review cycle.
This policy was tabled at school council on 15/3/2018