

# HOMEWORK

## POLICY

### **Rationale:**

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

### **Aims:**

To support and extend classroom learning

To develop positive study habits

To develop a responsibility for self-learning

To encourage students to take some responsibility for their own learning.

### **Implementation**

- All students in Years 2 – 6 will be allocated a homework book
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's year level
- Each set task will be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum
- All homework activities assessed with appropriate feedback given
- Failure to meet homework requirements will result in appropriate consequences
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks
- It is the student's responsibility, under the supervision of parents, to ensure homework is completed on time and to a satisfactory standard
- Homework policy will be distributed to parents at the start of each year.

### **Prep – Year 2**

Homework will consist mainly of:

- daily reading of take-home book to parent
- daily practice of high frequency word lists (which will include a written task in Year 2)
- gathering of additional information or materials to support the classroom program
- assigned tasks may include online activities
- homework will generally not exceed 20 minutes per day.

### **Years 3 – 4**

Homework will consist mainly of:

- reading with parents and independent reading (minimum of 15 minutes per night)
- reinforcement or enrichment of tasks related to classroom work
- assigned tasks may include online activities
- homework, in addition to reading, will not exceed 30 minutes per day and may be set during weekends.

### **Years 5 – 6**

Homework will consist mainly of:

- independent reading on a daily basis
- practising of times tables to improve accuracy and speed
- tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- assigned tasks may include online activities
- homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day, will be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload, and may be set during weekends.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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