



## HOMEWORK POLICY

### **RATIONALE**

Students benefit from completing homework regularly. Homework helps them develop organisational and time-management skills, self discipline, skills in using out-of-school resources, and personal responsibility for learning. Homework is another opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education. Parents, in partnership with the school, should encourage their children to establish good homework patterns from early primary school.

### **GOALS**

- To develop good study habits, independence, self motivation and self discipline.
- To encourage interaction, partnership and shared responsibility between parent, pupil and teacher.
- To undertake learning tasks outside of school hours for revision, re-enforcement or consolidation and completion of student learning programs/tasks.

### **GUIDELINES**

- This policy should adhere to the guidelines that are set out by DET.
- Prep to Year 4 homework should not be seen as a chore. Homework will: enable the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering extra information or materials mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or older siblings. This will generally not exceed 30 minutes a day and not be set on weekends or during vacations.
- Years 5/6 homework: should include daily independent reading; should be coordinated to avoid unreasonable workloads for students may include extension of class work, projects and assignments, essays and research. This will generally range from 30 – 45 minutes a day at Year 5/6.
- The homework policy shall be communicated to parents early in the school year.
- Homework should be constructive and should give some definite scholastic value.
- Homework may relate to work done previously in the classroom or may include preparation/investigation for new work.
- Teachers are responsible for the setting of homework.
- Homework should be challenging but within the capabilities of the pupils to whom it is given.
- While consideration will be given to children's out of school activities, all set tasks should be completed on time.
- Parents are encouraged to be involved with children's homework, however the set task remains the child's responsibility.
- Homework may include discussion at home - to acquire parents' views, ideas and information about specific issues, topics or events.
- The individual class teacher is responsible for correcting homework regularly and consistently.
- Children in years 5 and 6 will use a diary as a means of communication between parents and teachers and to record homework. Parents are encouraged to sign the diary when appropriate.
- If homework is consistently not completed the teacher will discuss the matter with the parent and attempt to reach an appropriate course of action.

### **ACHIEVEMENT MEASURES**

- 1)** Regular monitoring by all teachers of pupils' attitudes and attention to homework tasks.
- 2)** Feedback from parent meeting/interviews, co-ordinators.
- 3)** Monitoring through observations, checklists etc. of students' educational progress.

**Status:** Reviewed

**Ratified:** TBA

**Next Review:** TBA