



## Homework

### POLICY

#### **RATIONALE:**

Homework helps students by fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Homework is another opportunity for parents and caregivers to participate in their child's education. Parents and caregivers, in partnership with the school, should encourage their children to establish good homework patterns and time management skills from early primary school.

#### **AIM:**

- To develop organisational skills and the ability to manage time effectively.
- To provide an opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education.
- To encourage personal responsibility and develop self motivation in the learning process.
- To establish good homework patterns from early childhood.
- To assist in the development of self-discipline and organisational skills.
- To allow for practising, extending and consolidating work done in the classroom.
- To support and extend classroom learning.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. Homework should:
  - Be appropriate to the skill level and age of the student
  - Be interesting, challenging and, where appropriate, open ended
  - Be balanced by a diverse range of recreational, family and cultural activities
  - Be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the school curriculum
2. Teachers will communicate homework expectations to parents via class or team newsletters or online forums.
3. Homework activities will be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended, reflecting the teaching and learning culture and philosophy of the school.
4. Homework should be purposeful and not be used as a disciplinary measure.
5. Staff and parents/caregivers will work together to assist in developing responsibility for their homework as they progress from Early Years through the school.
6. Recommended daily time allocation for independent reading, consistent with DEECD guidelines,
  - Year Prep: 15 minutes
  - Year 1 and 2: 20 minutes
  - Year 3 and 4: 30 minutes
  - Year 5 and 6: 45 minutes
7. Examples of homework tasks across the school may include;
  - Reading to your child, with your child and allowing your child to read independently
  - Discussing and questioning your child's reading material with them to develop comprehension
  - Family projects based around the unit of work for the term
  - Home related support, consolidation and extension available through classroom blogs and wikis

#### **EVALUATION:**

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

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

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