

Homework Policy

Explanation

Homework is valuable because it helps students develop organisational skills and independent study habits. The help and support of parents is important to a student's enjoyment and completion of homework. Regular two way communications is vital to the process.

Time

The following is a guide to the amount of homework that may be set at each year level:

Years R-2 15 minutes per night Monday to Thursday.

Years 3-5 15-20 minutes per night Monday to Thursday.

Years 6-7 30 minutes per night Monday to Thursday.

NB. At the beginning of the school year all classroom teachers will inform parents of the homework routine within the above timeframe. The content of the homework is class and year level driven. For example, Junior Primary students can expect to have reading, sight words and spelling as part of their regular homework routine whereas older students will have a combination of literacy and numeracy activities. Reading for all students from Reception to year 7 is recommended.

Type of Work Set

- Generally homework should not require parent assistance to complete nor should it involve demands on families for reference materials, special facilities, resources etc.
- Homework should reflect current classroom curriculum (not new work).

Recording Homework

- Diaries, Communication and/or Homework books will be provided for all children in years R-7.
- Clear instructions should be recorded in books as a reference for students and their parents.
- Diaries, Communication and/or Homework books should be signed by parents either daily or weekly to acknowledge that homework has been sighted.

Teachers setting homework:

- Ensure students know exactly what they are supposed to do (instructions are clear).
- Provide appropriate feedback to students by marking completed homework.
- Diaries and Communication books will be signed either daily or weekly.

Parents can assist by:

- Providing a suitable homework space for their children.
- Encouraging students to complete homework on time.

Students can complete homework more successfully when:

- They know what their homework task is (recorded accurately in diaries and/or books).
- They have the necessary resources and equipment to successfully complete the set task.

Other Points

- Consequences may be applied at the discretion of the teacher for students not completing set homework. Students may be required to complete the set tasks in their own time.