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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 and become **life long learners**.

Homework should reflect the teaching and learning philosophies of the school.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self learning.
- To inform parents of current activities within the class.

Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be made available to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- All students in Grade 3-6 will be allocated homework diaries.
- Classroom teachers will set regular homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities should be challenging and where appropriate, open-ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- Homework should be developed in consultation with specialist teachers where appropriate.

Early Years (Prep - Year 2)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities; to, with and by parents (using Take Home Reader in Log Book. Suggested 10-15 minutes per night)
- Extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- Gathering of additional information or materials

Middle Years Grade 3/4

- At this level, provision will be made for extending independent readers. Suggested 5 minutes read aloud to parents then 10 minutes silent.
- Spelling words – based on a pre-test.
- Mathematics – set activity

Senior Years (Years 5 - 6)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis.

- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research.
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities in addition to homework tasks.

Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day.

Evaluation:

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

**This policy was ratified by School Council on 8/8/2017
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