

**HOMEWORK POLICY**

**Rationale:**
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.

**Aims:**
- To provide the students with a series of activities to be undertaken at home that will enhance their learning and are complementary to the school curriculum.
- To provide an opportunity to reinforce classroom learning, foster good lifelong learning and study habits, allowing students to be responsible for their own learning.

**Implementation:**
- Homework should be:
  - appropriate to the student's skill level and age;
  - purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum;
  - interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open ended;
  - assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided;
  - balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities.
- All students will be allocated diaries.
- Teachers have the option of setting homework on a day by day basis or over a weekly block.
- Projects worked on over a long period may also be appropriate in some cases.
- Teachers will inform the parents of students in their classes of the particular organizational and procedural matters related to homework.
- Failure by students to complete homework on a regular basis will be followed up with parents via the diaries.
- If a student fails to continuously submit homework, the teacher and/or unit leader will contact the parent to organise a meeting to discuss the situation and future action.
- **Homework in Prep –4** will consist mainly of:
  - Daily reading to, with and by parents/carer or older siblings;
  - Extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials.
  - It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.
  - Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day or be set on weekends or during vacations.
- **Homework in Years 5-6** 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 as homework tasks.
  - Homework will not exceed 45 minutes per day and may be set during weekends and school vacations.

**Evaluation:**
- Teachers will evaluate the effectiveness of homework in terms of its educational value.
- The Curriculum/Welfare Sub-committee will monitor and evaluate the participation rate on homework activities of students across the school.

**References:**

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This policy was last ratified by School Council on 16th September 2015