



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:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/homework.aspx>