

Homework Policy - August 2021

Rational

School related activities completed at home benefits students by complementing their learning, fostering good study habits and providing students with an opportunity to be responsible for their own learning. Homework should provide opportunities for students and families to share in their learning process without being onerous on either the student or their outside-of-school life.

Aims

- Encourage the development of effective time management skills
- Provide students with opportunities for consolidation, reinforcement and extension work
- Assist students to assume greater responsibility for their learning
- Provide effective home-school links

Guidelines

- Encourage students to develop sound study habits in preparation for future learning
- Provide homework that has a purpose and meaningful
- Implement Individual Learning Plans as required
- Encourage students to gradually undertake greater personal responsibility for their own learning as skills and knowledge develop
- Parents will be advised at the beginning of the year as to the homework expectation for that year level
- There should be follow up with parents if a student regularly fails to complete homework
- Homework should be:
 - Appropriate to the age and skill of the student
 - Interesting, challenging and where appropriate open ended
 - Balanced with a diverse range of recreational activities
 - Purposeful and relevant to the school curriculum
 - Assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided

Implementation

Foundation to Grade 4:

- Generally not exceed 30 minutes a day or be set on weekends or during vacations
- Should not be seen as a chore
- Will mainly consist of daily reading, to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings
- May include a Mathematics or spelling tasks
- Enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials

Grade 5 and 6:

- Generally range from 30 - 45 minutes a day and will not be set over the holidays
- Should include daily independent reading
- May include Mathematics and Spelling tasks along with unfinished work
- May extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research

Evaluation

The effectiveness of Homework Policy will be determined through:

- Parent feedback
- Student attitudes, participation and levels of enthusiasm

This policy is at DET requirement. It will be reviewed every four years as part of the school policy review cycle, following changes to Departmental legislation and guidelines or at times that the Principal forms the opinion that the policy warrants a review.

Ratified at School Council:

10 August 2021

Next review:

August 2025

