



# 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.
- Homework becomes more regular and rigorous as the student progresses through the school years.

### Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.

### Implementation:

Below is a guideline relating to the amount of time that could be spent on homework on a weekly/nightly basis.

#### **Prep to Year 6**

Each week students are encouraged to complete a range of home tasks. These tasks are based on our class work and reinforce the concepts being taught at the school.

- **Prep to Year 2**

Home study tasks include nightly reading sessions. Home reading is an opportunity for families to celebrate children's progress with reading.

Many students independently complete self-motivated research related to our thematic studies. This effort is always praised and encouraged within the classroom. Homework in the Early Years is encouraged to be a pleasurable family experience. It is not an expectation that all tasks will be completed every night by all children as many students at this stage of schooling need the opportunity to rest after a day at school.

Home study should assist students to establish routines, responsibility, independence and co-operative skills, which will prepare them for the greater demands of middle school.

<b>Homework</b>	<b>Prep</b>	<b>40 mins per week</b>
	<b>Yr 1&amp;2</b>	<b>1 hour per week</b>

- **Year 3 & 4**

Students in years 3 & 4 are encouraged to complete a range of homework tasks each week. These tasks are based on class work completed.

Homework tasks include **reading** sessions 4-5 nights per week for approx. 10 minutes.

Many students complete self-motivated research related to what is studied in class. This effort is always praised and encouraged within the classroom.

Home study should assist students to **establish routines, responsibility, independence and co-operative skills.**

- **Year 5 to 7**

Students are encouraged to read every night and to record their reading material in a reading log. They also have a set of spelling words, which need revision during each week.

The main aspect of homework consists of language and maths tasks. These tasks are based on work covered in class.

At some times of the year students will undertake project work as part of their studies. There is generally ample time given to complete these projects at school but some students enjoy and are encouraged to do extra research at home.

- **Year 8 to 12**

Only general guidelines can be given about as to the amount of home study a child attempts; allowances must be made for individual differences of both pupils and teachers, how effectively the child works during the day, whether there have been absences and whether there are tests/exams coming up.

The times suggested below are what we believe to be the average times a child should spend in work and study at home over the period of one week.

Year 8	4-6 hours per week.
Year 9	5-7 hours per week.
Year 10	7-9 hours per week
Year 11	10-12 hours per week.
Year 12	15-20 hours per week.

These are suggested as a weekly allotment so that the student can organise his/her time according to other commitments. The pupil should work out with his/her parents the priorities given to sports training, television watching, household chores etc, so that a timetable for home study is agreed upon in each household.

**Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review cycle, and is due for review in

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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