



# HOMWORK POLICY

## Philosophy and purpose

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits. Homework is seen as a beneficial activity when directly related to classroom learning.

## Guidelines

Homework helps students by:

- Providing an opportunity for students to become responsible for their own learning.
- Developing, reinforcing and practising skills to support classroom learning.
- Developing the child's organisational and time management skills by encouraging children to establish a home study routine.
- Allowing parents/guardians to develop an awareness of classroom practice and expectations and allows them to be actively involved in their child's learning.

## Implementation

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- At the beginning of each year teams of teachers will decide on the homework guidelines for each area. These guidelines will be approved by the Professional Learning Team Leader and Principal before being sent home to parents to notify them of homework expectations.
- Students will be allocated diaries in grade 5 and 6 to assist with time management and as a communication tool.
- Homework will be structured so that it meets individual needs.
- Each set task must be purposeful and meaningful.
- Homework will be monitored and checked by the teacher. Support from teachers will be available.
- Homework tasks may incorporate a range of recreational, creative, family and cultural activities.
- Homework will not be set on weekends or during vacations.

### Junior Grades (Prep to Grade 2)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading for enjoyment, to, with and by parents.

### Middle Grades (Grades 3 and 4)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents.
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- Gathering of additional information or materials.
- Activities that include involvement in daily home life and enhance family time.

### Senior Grades (Grades 5 and 6)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis.
- Tasks which complement and consolidate classroom activities.
- Activities that include involvement in daily home life and enhance family time.

## Evaluation

The policy will be reviewed annually.

**Status:**        **Ratified by School Council on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012**