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HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale

Homework is a valuable way for students to consolidate knowledge, skills and understandings taught at school. It assists students to establish a routine that supports the development of time management and sound study habits. It can also encourage students to take responsibility for learning outside the classroom and to take responsibility for completing unfinished tasks set during school time.

Principles

1. Homework expectations will be reasonable, consistent and appropriate as students progress through school.
2. Children should have acquired the knowledge, skills and resources necessary to complete assigned homework.
3. The responsibility for ensuring that set homework is completed and to a satisfactory standard resides with the student in the first instance and with parents/guardians.

Procedures

1. Homework tasks will be clearly defined.
2. Students in Years 3 – 6 will have a school diary in which they will be responsible for writing their homework requirements. Teachers will set the standards and guidelines for diary use. (Homework may also be shown on the class blog on Office 365)
3. Completed homework will be checked and signed by parents.
4. Should a student be unable to complete the homework task in the maximum time allocated after working in a diligent manner, then a short note from the parent to the teacher should accompany the homework. This note should explain that the child worked in a reasonable manner but did not complete the expected amount of homework.
5. Homework will be monitored.
6. Homework components may include:
 - Written homework – eg. review of class work, unfinished schoolwork
 - Home lessons – eg. spelling, maths, number facts.
 - Personal reading – both oral and reading for pleasure to develop a literary sense as well as knowledge.
7. The following time allocations per night apply:
 - Years 1 to 4 - up to 30 minutes
 - Years 5 & 6 - up to 60 minutes

In addition, students should spend some additional time each night in reading for pleasure.

8. Where a parent/guardian has a query regarding homework, then the query should be directed to the staff member setting the homework.

9. Homework will not be set for students who are absent from school for holidays. Parents may choose for their child to keep a journal of their daily activities and encourage their child to continue reading for pleasure.
10. Parents will be informed in Week 5 and Week 10 if a student fails to complete homework on a regular basis or if it is not completed to a satisfactory standard. This will also be reflected in the end of semester report.

Reviewed: 2016
Due for review: 2018

Homework Notification Slip

Dear _____

Date: ___ / ___ / _____

During the first five weeks of this term, _____

has not consistently completed homework with :

	Assigned Tasks
	Reading
	Tables
	Spelling
	Other: _____ _____

has consistently handed in homework that is not to the appropriate standard.

As a result, this will be reflected in your child's School Report.
Please sign and return to the classroom teacher. Thank you.

Parent Signature: _____

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