Policy: HOMEWORK
Status: Reviewed August 2013

Purpose:
Homework is a valuable aspect of the learning process. It assists students to develop organisational and time management skills, self discipline, skills in using out of school resources and personal responsibility for learning. Homework is one way parents can participate in and support their child’s educational development.

Guidelines:
1. Homework requirements will be based on DEECD guidelines
2. Homework will be issued on a regular basis and should be:
   - appropriate to the skill level and age of the student
   - interesting, challenging and, where appropriate, open-ended
   - balanced with a diverse range of recreational activities
   - purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the school curriculum
   - assessed by the teachers with feedback and support provided to the student
3. The amount of homework issued will:
   For Prep to Year 2 students
   - Generally not exceed 20 minutes per day
   - Mainly consist of reading on a daily basis
   - Enable the extension of class work by reinforcing learned skills
   For Year 3 & 4 students
   - Generally not exceed 30 minutes per day
   - Should include independent reading on a daily basis
   - Involves continuation of class work, projects, assignments and research
   For Year 5 & 6 students
   - Generally range from 30-45 minutes per day
   - Should include independent reading on a daily basis
   - Involves continuation of class work, projects, assignments and research

Homework is not to be set during weekends and vacations although students may choose to complete their homework during this time.

4. Parents will be advised of the homework policy at the beginning of the year and are encouraged to support and monitor the nature and volume of homework and refer concerns to the teacher. Clear instructions and completion dates will be given for all homework and basic resources for completing homework should be available within the school.

Although parental involvement and encouragement is desirable, the completion of homework is the student’s responsibility and the consequences of non-presentation will be at the Year Level Team Leaders discretion in consultation with the team.

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