

# HOMework

## POLICY

### Rationale:

Homework is seen a beneficial activity when directly related to classroom learning. It enables parents/guardians to develop an awareness of classroom practice and expectations and allows them to be actively involved in their child's learning.

### Aims:

- To enable parents to play an active role in the child's learning and understand what is taking place at school.
- To encourage children to take responsibility for on-going learning.
- To develop, reinforce and practise skills.
- To develop the child's organisational and time management skills.
- To establish a home study routine.

### Implementation:

- It is understood that not all families wish their child/ren to undertake formal homework, particularly in the junior school.
- At the beginning of each year teachers will decide on homework guidelines for each area. Parents will be notified of these expectations.
- Teachers in the same area will prepare homework as required that suits the needs of individual children within their classes.
- Any homework set will be directly related to the classroom program.

The following tasks should be undertaken **each night** and are additional to any other homework set:

**Home Reading:** years Prep-2 for 10 minutes, years 3-6 for 15-20 minutes.

A home reading book case with a home reading log will be used by children in years P-2 and a home reading log and a reading journal will be used in years 3-6.

**Number facts :** years 1-2, counting, addition and subtraction facts to 20 for 5 minutes. Years 3 – 6, tables and continue with basic number facts for up to 10 minutes to achieve automatic response.

### Evaluation:

This policy will be evaluated annually to ensure that it meets the needs and expectations of the school community.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in March, 2005.