



HOMework POLICY

Basic Beliefs

- Homework has the potential to enhance children's learning. Properly implemented, it promotes a healthy learning partnership between the home and the school.
- Children learn at different rates and this should be reflected in the homework they are given.
- Homework should have a positive focus, not a punitive one.
- Homework does not necessarily suit all children at every point in their education.

Goals

- To enhance student learning by providing parents with the opportunity to participate productively in their child's education.
- To empower children in their own learning by providing them with meaningful learning activities, commensurate with their abilities, at home.

Guidelines

- Homework will be consistent with Department of Education & Training Guidelines. These guidelines can be located at:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/guidelines.aspx>
 - **In the Early Years (Prep to Year 4) this will not exceed 30 minutes a day**
 - **In the Middle Years (Years 5 to 6) this will generally range from 30 – 45 minutes a day**
- Parents will be advised of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and be provided with a copy of the school's homework policy and the expectations appropriate to their child's level of development.
- Homework is optional. Parents must notify the school in writing should they wish to have their child excluded from homework. A homework exclusion form will be available at the school for this purpose. In the event that parents change their minds, then they will need to inform the school in writing. For administrative reasons, the option for exclusion or reinstatement of homework will be available at the commencement of terms only.
- It is strongly recommended that parents encourage their children to read books at home and revise their basic number facts, irrespective of whether or not they are participating in the school's formal homework activities. It is also advisable that parents encourage their children to discuss their schoolwork with them and that they undertake some enjoyable activities that complement the education children are receiving at school.

- Parents are encouraged to engage in activities as suggested by the classroom teacher under the 'What you can do at home' section of both the mid year and end of year reports.
- Uncompleted class tasks may also be included as homework.
- It is strongly recommended that parents encourage and support their child in working towards achieving their Individual Learning Goals. These goals are developed in consultation with the grade teacher and the child.

Responsibility for Implementation

The Learning Sub Committee will be responsible for co-ordinating and planning reviews of the Homework Policy.

Date Passed by School Council

The Homework Policy was passed by School Council on 20th February 2017

Proposed Date of Review

The Learning Sub Committee will be responsible for coordinating and planning the review of the Homework Policy, under the auspices of School Council. The review will be three years from the policy being passed by School Council.