
HOMework POLICY

RATIONALE

Homework is an important part of a student's education. It should not be considered as a form of punishment or seen as busy work. All students should develop the habit of studying without teacher direction and using resource materials from both school and home.

VALUES AND AIMS

Homework provides opportunities for:

- The development of an effective partnership between the school and parents/guardians in pursuing the aims of the school.
- Extension and support of learning experiences through reinforcement and revision.
- Parents/guardians and students to work collaboratively and thus hopefully develop a positive attitude towards learning.
- The development of long term strategies for future needs, knowledge and skills.
- Catering to the individual needs and abilities of all students.

STUDENT GUIDELINES

In order to assist students to complete homework tasks it is expected that:

- Students need their parents/guardians to be aware of the tasks they have to complete and to receive appropriate encouragement.
- Student will develop a daily routine for homework to be completed
- Student should have a specific area to use for homework completion. This should be a quiet place where noise is not intrusive, lighting is adequate and where there is sufficient space for using homework materials and resources.
- At the completion of the homework task, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that all books and equipment are prepared for school use the following day

HOMework ACTIVITY

Year 1 and Year 2: Consolidation of maths and language skills and concepts. All work is to be completed with parental supervision. Some individual work may be set for any child showing a need for consolidation. (15 – 20 minutes.)

Year 3 and Year4: Development and extension of language and maths skills and other learning area concepts. (25 - 30 minutes.)

Year 5 and Year 6: Completing assignments, doing research, regular revision of language and maths skills and preparation for tests. (30-40 minutes.)

The Role of the Parent/Guardian

The role of parents/Guardians is to provide an appropriate study environment and to show an interest in homework activities, thus ensuring its completion. On occasions, parent assistance may be required to complete tasks. In such cases, sufficient time must be allowed for this to occur. Parents/guardians are also requested to contact the classroom teacher if homework is not completed.