**Rationale**

Homework compliments classroom learning, fosters independent study habits and encourages students to be responsible life-long learners.

**Aims**

To promote a lifelong habit of daily reading.

To reinforce and/or extend classroom learning.

To develop organisational and time management skills, self discipline, research skills and personal responsibility for learning.

To allow for completion of classroom tasks as required.

To enable parents to have an awareness of school curriculum and be involved in their child’s education.

**Implementation**

Homework will be consistently implemented within each year level.

Homework tasks will be explained and monitored by the class teacher.

Homework will be relevant, not excessive and within the child’s capabilities.

Teachers will inform parents of homework criteria in February/March.

Homework should not be seen as a chore.

Teachers and parents should communicate in order to make homework effective (Student Diaries, Homework Book, Reading Diaries or a phone call can all be used for communication between parents and teacher.)

Assistance/support will be given to enable children to complete homework.

Teachers may expect incomplete homework to be completed in child’s own time at school.

**Prep and Grade 1**

Consists of:

* Daily sharing of MARC books borrowed from the school library, and ‘take-home books’ borrowed from the classroom, with parents/carers.
* May include practise from work in class.
* This will generally approximate 10-15 minutes a day excluding school holidays.

**Grade 2 to Year 4**

Homework will:

* Mainly consist of daily reading to, with and by parents/care-givers or older siblings, or independent reading where appropriate..
* May include the extension of class work by practising skills, gathering extra information or materials, or practising spelling words and times tables.
* This will generally approximate 20-30 minutes a day excluding school holidays.

**Years 5 to 6**

Homework will:

* Include daily independent reading.
* May include the extension of class work, projects and assignments, essays, research and practising spelling words and times tables.
* This will generally approximate 30-40 minutes a day excluding school holidays.

**Evaluation**

Feedback will be sought from students and their parents.

There will be frequent evaluation of the homework activities by the class teacher.

Homework will be corrected and returned within one week of the due date.

UNFINISHED CLASS WORK or HOMEWORK

Dear ……………………………….

Your child’s work has not been completed.

The work was………………………………………………………………………………

It was due to be finished by ……………….

Could you encourage/support your child to complete and return this work by:

…………………..

I also require return of the Response Sheet below, please.

Teacher …………………………

RESPONSE SHEET: (tick appropriate box)

I have checked this homework and have now signed it as complete.

I need to meet with you to discuss this matter.

Reason for incomplete homework (supplied below).

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Signed:……………………………….

**Review**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s cyclic review of policies program in three years’ time.

**Ratified at School Council** Date: September 2022