HOMEWORK
POLICY Final

Purpose:
• Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to take responsibility for their own learning.

Guidelines:
• To support and extend classroom learning.
• To develop positive study habits.
• To develop a responsibility for self-learning.

Implementation:
• The school’s homework policy will be provided to parents at the commencement of each school year as well as included in the School Handbook for new families.
• All students will be provided with homework books.
• Classroom teachers will set weekly homework appropriate to each child’s educational needs.
• Homework activities should be purposeful, interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended. Teachers will determine appropriate time lines for completion of these activities.
• Set tasks must be meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
• All homework activities must be acknowledged with feedback and support provided by teachers.
• The school’s website will include resources that are appropriate to students of a variety of ages.
• Guidelines for parental involvement will be given at parent/teacher information evenings early in the year, a grade information booklet or written communication such as diary or notice.
• It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.
• Homework will be distributed by hard copy and/or email where requested.

Prep – (Foundation Level)
Homework will consist mainly of:
• Reading activities to, with and by parents.
• Word Work
• Oral Counting
  Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day.

Year 1 to Year 4 – (Level 1 to Level 4)
Homework will consist mainly of:
• Reading activities to, with and by parents as well as independent reading
• Word work
• Mathematics tasks
• Tasks associated with classroom activities and gathering of additional information or materials
  Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day.

Year 5 & 6 – (Level 5 & 6)
Homework will consist mainly of:
• Independent reading on a daily basis
• Word work
• Mathematics tasks
• Tasks such as projects/assignments, written work, puzzles, problem solving and research
  Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day.

Evaluation:
• This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s four-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in March 2014