



Homework

POLICY

Rationale:

- To assist students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning.
- To foster lifelong learning and effective study habits.
- To provide an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.
- To meet DET guidelines for homework whilst considering the needs for students to have a balanced lifestyle.

Guidelines:

The school will:

- Advise parents of homework expectations, including communications regarding progress via the Mathletics portal, school newsletter, website and at information nights (Term 1).
- Ensure that parents have access to a copy of the homework policy on the school's website and included in the information pack for new families.
- Work with parents/guardians to establish effective homework patterns as required.
- Ensure that students in year 5 and 6 use homework diaries, which may be electronic and accessed via their iPads, to provide a regular communication between parents, students and the school.
- Provide parents with a weekly overview of the upcoming learning foci to guide parents in assisting their child/ren at home.
- Not provide homework for families who choose to remove their children from school for holidays during the term. Children will be encouraged to read regularly and may keep a diary of their holiday to share with the class on their return.

Implementation:

- Prep to Year 4 homework will:
 - Consist of daily reading. This includes reading to self, and/or reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or older siblings. This should include the learning of High Frequency (Magic Words), as appropriate.
 - Consist of 3 Mathletics tasks, set weekly, by the classroom teacher. This may be less for Preps.
 - Generally range from 20 to 30 minutes per day, is discouraged on weekends and will not be set during school holidays.
- Year 5 and 6 homework will:
 - Consist of daily reading. This includes reading to self, and/or reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or older siblings.
 - Consist of 3 Mathletics tasks, set weekly, by the classroom teacher
 - Generally range from 30 to 45 minutes per day, is discouraged on weekends and will not be set during school holidays.
- Reading will be monitored and acknowledged by teachers on a weekly basis.
- The achievement of Mathletics tasks will be monitored and adapted by teachers on a weekly basis.
- A maximum of 1 project based task per term may be set to complement the Inquiry program.
- Alternative homework may be negotiated for students on Individual Education Plans.
- A Homework Club will be offered, once a week, for students to complete tasks, if needed.
- Incentives for homework completion may be negotiated at each year level and approved by Leadership.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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