

**PROGRAM LEADER: Principal**

**COUNCIL RATIFICATION: 29 August 2017**

**RATIONALE:**

Homework benefits students by complementing learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

**AIMS:**

- To reinforce concepts and skills taught at school.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To help children develop responsibility and independence.
- To encourage parents to be involved with their children's education.

**IMPLEMENTATION AND COMMUNICATION:**

- The School's Homework Policy is available to parents via the School's website or a hard copy on request.
- Homework expectations will be communicated to parents by classroom teachers.
- The content and style of the homework may differ according to the discretion of the staff.
- Homework activities are to be assessed by the teacher.
- Unfinished classroom activities may be assigned as homework.
- If children are unable to complete homework, parents should inform the teacher the following day via a written message in the student's diary.

**Homework tasks in the Early Years (Prep to Year 2):**

- Will not exceed 20 minutes per day and could include:
  - Reading (with, or to, parent/guardian) every night. A reading record is to be signed daily.
  - Learning sight words.
  - Practice tasks associated with classroom curriculum (e.g. spelling words, times tables and homework sheets).
- Gathering information or materials to share or use in class.
- Completing tasks for specialist programs for example, Reading Support and Speech Therapy.

**Homework in the Middle Years (Years 3 to 6):**

- Will not exceed 30 minutes per day.
  - Reading independently, with, or to parents. A reading record is to be signed daily.
- Spelling words practice.
- Practice tasks associated with classroom curriculum (e.g. spelling words, times tables, unfinished classroom tasks, research and projects).
- Completing tasks for specialist programs for example, Reading Support and Speech Therapy.

**EVALUATION:**

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