This Homework Policy has been developed from the Homework Guidelines of the Department of Education and Early Childhood.

**Rationale:**

- A child’s family is very influential in developing skills and understanding.
- Home learning is a valuable source of learning throughout a child’s school life.
- Homework supports the school curriculum, provides challenges and develops study habits for independent learning.

**Purposes:**

1. To cater for the learning needs of individual students.
2. To foster and develop an effective partnership between home and school.
3. To develop in students’ independence and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning.
4. To provide opportunities for extension and revision in all areas of the Australian Curriculum.

**Guidelines:**

Homework should be:

- appropriate to the student’s skill level and age
- purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
- interesting, challenging and when appropriate open ended
- assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided
- balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities.
- Homework should be an integral part of the teaching and learning programs.
- Homework should include a range of stimulating and challenging activities that enable students to practise skills that reinforce classroom learning.
- Year 6 teachers should work to prepare their students for secondary school.
- Homework should not be given as a disciplinary action.
- Teachers should communicate regularly with students and parents about their homework.
- Tasks set should be appropriate for the individual child, and be consistent across year Levels.
- The school’s homework policy should be included in the information booklet, and available to every family in hard copy or on the school’s website.

**Implementation:**

1. Homework will be required at all levels.
2. Students and parents will be clearly informed of homework expectations at the beginning of the year.
3. Homework will consist of work that is familiar to the student and at a level, which promotes success.
4. Homework instructions will be clear and easy to understand.
5. Homework tasks will be both formal and informal activities.
6. Students will be responsible for the care of materials and the gathering of information and equipment.
7. Recommended average **weekly** time for homework will be as follows:
   a. Prep/1/2: 1 hour (10-15 minutes reading per night)
   b. Grades 3 & 4: 1½ hours
   c. Grades 5 & 6: 2 hours
8. Homework will include regular daily reading from a variety of texts at all year levels.
9. Teachers will respond to all homework as soon as possible after the time of completion, keeping records of each student’s work.

The Homework policy was endorsed by School Council in December 2014