Homework Policy

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**Recommended:** By the Curriculum & Policy Sub Committee.

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1. **PURPOSE**

   Homework is a valuable opportunity for parents or carers to support and participate in their child’s education. Homework complements and reinforces classroom learning; it aims to develop a self-motivated keenness to investigate, good lifelong study habits and a passion for learning. In the context of this policy, homework is defined as school related activities completed at home/outside school hours.

2. **OBJECTIVES**

   Through homework the school seeks to encourage the children to:

   2.1. work in partnerships with their parents to develop good study habits
   2.2. develop self discipline and organisational skills
   2.3. learn to manage study time effectively
   2.4. develop personal responsibility for their study
   2.5. find and use out-of-school resources
   2.6. enable the consolidation and extension of class work by practising skills or gathering extra information or materials in an engaging and authentic manner.

3. **IMPLEMENTATION**

   3.1. Students will:
   
   3.1.1. take responsibility to complete their homework tasks on time
   3.1.2. access and effectively utilise a range of reliable resources, including the school website, for assistance
   3.1.3. be encouraged to pursue independent homework tasks that prepare and equip them as lifelong learners.
   3.1.4. use homework diaries in Level 4 on a regular basis

   3.2. Parents will:
   
   3.2.1. support students with their homework in line with parent guidelines at www.education.vic.gov.au
   3.2.2. encourage students to take responsibility for their homework
   3.2.3. provide a suitable work space/environment
   3.2.4. communicate with and give feedback to teachers where appropriate about their child’s ability to effectively engage in the homework program.

   3.3. Teachers will:
   
   3.3.1. set homework tasks that complement the school program and reinforce the learning that has occurred in class
   3.3.2. generally limit homework to 4 nights per week, up to 20 minutes per night in Level 1, up to 30 minutes per night in Levels 2 and 3, and up to 45 minutes per night in Level 4
   3.3.3. provide clearly defined time expectations for individual homework tasks where appropriate
   3.3.4. work together to ensure homework tasks are scheduled throughout each term to avoid excessive demands on students’ time
   3.3.5. encourage the use of homework diaries in Level 4
   3.3.6. provide regular feedback to the students about their homework

   3.4. Homework tasks will:
   
   3.4.1. mainly consist of daily reading, to, with and by parents, caregivers or older siblings in the Early Years and Independent reading in the Middle Years.
   3.4.2. enable the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering extra information or materials.

4. **EVALUATION**

   The Policy will be evaluated by teachers and parents by observing whether the objectives of the policy are being met through the school program.