PURPOSE

Homework is an important link in the learning process as it serves to reinforce what is taught at school. It is an essential part of our teaching and learning strategies, designed to build skills in our students, and implemented in a way that makes it relevant and rewarding.

Homework enables parents to be involved and share with the teacher the task of educating their children. Regular home practice encourages independent work and study habits and the use of non-school resources. Homework may assist in the development of organisational skills and children taking responsibility for their own learning.

GUIDELINES

- Children are expected to undertake some form of regular home study.
- Homework requirements are outlined by teachers at the Parent Teacher meeting in February and are published in the Grade Information Books on the school website.
- Our goal is to provide a challenging, but appropriate level of work for all students in the homework tasks that are set.
- Tasks set will relate to the current classroom and specialist programs. Specialist teachers setting tasks will liaise with the classroom teacher to ensure that projects are not set concurrently.
- The homework program is consistent overall and within grade levels.
- The amount of homework expected will increase as children move up the school and develop their skills.
- Children in Prep and Grade One will spend approximately ten minutes, most nights of the week, on shared work at home.
- By the end of Grade Two children will be introduced to more formal homework tasks.
- In Grade Three to Six there will be an expectation of up to half an hour per night work at home, set by the school.
- Home reading is a vital part of the home study routine and should be undertaken each night on school days. This begins in Prep with children reading with adults at home. In Grade One and Two children continue this with growing independence. Children in Grade Three to Six will continue with home reading, which is done in addition to the expected homework.
- A home reading diary is utilised from Prep to Grade Three. In Grade Four children utilise their diary and in Grade Five and Six they use the reading diary app on their iPad to record their home reading.
- All children in Grade Four have a communication diary in which they record homework. This diary is a tool for children to begin the management of their time, balancing school requirements with other activities. It is expected that our teachers and parents ensure that this diary is used successfully.
- All Grade Five and Six students use the calendar app, grade blog and iCal to access, organise and submit their homework.
- A weekend will be included in the weekly time frame for homework.
- Unfinished class work is to be completed in addition to the set homework.
- Homework is a component of the written reports and reported on twice yearly in Grade Three to Six.