Homework policy

Rationale

Homework is considered to be an integral part of the school experience. It is considered complementary to class. Homework can also reinforce the notion that school and learning are very important and that work completed at home is recognised, appreciated and praised.

Aim

- To assist students to develop worthwhile study habits, which will equip them with strategies to promote independent learning.
- To use the homework Grid effectively, so that a balance is maintained in academic, physical, spiritual, emotional, social development of the students.
- To provide valuable opportunities for students to develop responsibility, perseverance, self-discipline and time management skills.
- To be conscious that homework does not encroach on extra-curricular experiences that students enjoy and from which they gain considerable benefit.
- To provide opportunities for positive support roles for parents to assist their children.

Procedures

Students are expected to allocate time at home to complete unfinished class work, to complete research for projects and to practice their reading skills.

Reading daily is considered to be one of the most important homework elements for all students.

Kindergarten to Grade 2

No formal homework is set. Reading is strongly encouraged each day.
Students may take reading books home nightly.
Occasional completion of work, research activities and collection of items relevant to particular areas of study may be given on an informal basis at the teacher’s discretion.
Grades 3 to 6

Reading is strongly encouraged each day. Depending upon the type of tasks required to be completed at home, homework may be set:
- At the beginning of the week for completion by the end of the week
- For completion by the next school day
- As a short or long term project where a completion date is nominated by the teacher.

Each student has a means of communication between home and school. This may include a diary, kit book, memo book or iPad.

Students are expected to demonstrate pride in their homework by completing the work neatly and returning it on time.

Responsibilities of Teachers

- Homework that is set has clear and full directions for the students and is relevant and complementary to class work.
- Teachers are responsible for reviewing, marking and speaking with students about their homework.
- Teachers return homework promptly to students.
- Teachers are responsive to parents’ concerns about circumstances, which may impact on the completion of their children’s homework.
- Teachers will only set homework that is in line with student ability. Homework may include research of new material in preparation for learning or practice of learnt skills.
- Teachers will not use homework as a punishment.
- Parents will discuss with teachers if children are spending too long on homework and in some circumstances it will not be appropriate for students to be doing homework. This will be negotiated between parents and teachers.
- Teachers will be consistent in their expectations of students with respect to homework.

Homework Timings (Average per night Monday – Thursday)
Prep - 10 – 15 minutes
Grade 1 - 10 – 15 minutes
Grade 2 - 15 minutes
Grade 3 - 20 minutes
Grade 4 - 20 minutes
Grade 5 - 25 minutes
Grade 6 - 25 minutes

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