Homework Guidelines

Effective: February 2023
To be reviewed: Annually

Purpose of Homework:

- Students to consolidate skills and concepts learned
- Assist in maintaining the partnerships between home and school
- Support the development of the student's independence and self-management as a learner.

Links to DoE Policy:

Homework in all schools should:

- Reflect Department of Education Policy
- Support classroom practice
- Be implemented in a consistent and connected, whole school approach
- Avoid dependence on unreasonable levels of parent assistance or resources that are not readily available to the student
- Be set without impinging on reasonable time for family, recreational or cultural pursuits
- Be disassociated from any form of punishment or consequence if it is not completed
- K No homework is expected or set
- PP Home reading [includes parents reading to children] suggested 10 minutes per night.

 Maximum total time for homework 15 minutes per night
- Yr1-2 Home reading suggested 10 to 15 minutes per night.

 Maximum total time for homework 20 minutes per night
- Yr 3-4 Home reading suggested 15 to 20 minutes per night.

 Maximum total time for homework 30 minutes per night
- Yr 5-6 Home reading suggested 20 to 30 minutes per night.

 Maximum total time for homework 45 minutes per night

Students are encouraged to undertake homework three to four times a week during the school term. Homework is not compulsory; however, students who complete homework tasks, will be acknowledged by the classroom teacher.

Whole school practice:

- Year 1 to 3 will be set homework in a 4 x box grid format minimum expectation of Writing, Reading, Maths, Additional [additional is at teacher discretion and may be individual or project based]; Yr 4, 5 and 6 will use between 4 & 6 boxes, with consistent and connected practice, between Year 4, 5 and Year 6 classes
- Levelled home readers to be issued to students as required; or classroom teacher facilitates students to self-select books to read at home [home reading log]
- Consistent and connected practice Year level homework will be set on a specific day and returned a week later
- Consistent template for homework for Year 1 to 3, and Year 4, 5 & 6
- Year level classroom teachers will collaborate and send home aligned homework each week

Parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing commercially available resources and programs such as activity books and/or online programs, for their children to use at home. This would be at the discretion of the parent/carer and self-monitored.

