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To work and to smile

Homework Policy

Rationale

Homework enhances and reinforces the learning and development of students. It helps to bridge the gap between home and school. Teachers, students, parents and care-givers should see it as a vital part of the home-schooling partnership, which supports young people while they learn.

Aims

- To support students in the development of skills, knowledge and concepts according to their own stage of development.
- To provide activities designed to enrich, extend and/or reinforce concepts learned in school.
- To provide an opportunity for parents to become involved in their children's education, to be informed as to the curriculum content being covered at school, and to have an indication of the level at which their children are achieving.
- To establish regular patterns of homework and develop constructive working habits in each student including the development of flexibility and planning to suit personal needs.

Implementation

- All students are expected to complete homework. However, parents have the right to request in writing that their child be excused from completing homework. This is a personal decision based on what is most beneficial for the child and takes into account other commitments within the family.
- The amount of homework will vary according to age and learning needs. Particular emphasis will be placed on Mathematics and English.
- Suggested time allocation per night is: (includes home reading)
 - Early Stage 1 – 5 – 10 minutes
 - Stage 1 – 15 – 25 minutes
 - Stage 2 – 30 – 40 minutes
 - Stage 3 – 40 minutes
- At the beginning of the school year, each teacher will inform the parents about the particular homework requirements and expectations of the class.
- Where homework is not regularly completed, the teacher will consult with the parents in case further assistance is necessary. In Years 2 through to Years 6, a note will be sent home if homework is not completed three times during a term (see attachment A).
- Homework should not be used as a disciplinary measure.

Evaluation

In consultation with the school community the homework policy will be reviewed to ensure that it is being used to enhance learning and create improved home-school partnerships.

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