



HOMework

POLICY

Rationale:

As part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian schools, homework is seen as one way of supporting and fostering life-long learning and connecting families with the learning of their children. The setting of homework needs to take into consideration the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, sport, recreation, cultural pursuits and importantly rest. With this in mind, the quality of homework assigned and completed will be viewed as more important than the quantity.

Aims:

Homework will:

- appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
- interesting, challenging and when appropriate open ended
- assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided
- balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities.

Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Classroom teachers will work with their year level team to set homework that meets the homework aims outlined above.
- Homework will not require additional home resources which may disadvantage some students.
- Homework is an opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education. Parents, in partnership with the school, will be encouraged to support their child to establish good homework patterns.
- Teachers will monitor the completion of set homework each week.
- Homework should not be set on weekends or during holidays.

Foundation

Homework will:

- mainly consist of daily reading to, with and by parents/caregivers.
- include practising Smart Spelling words.
- include activities that consolidate mathematical concepts taught in class.

Years 1 and 2

Homework will:

- mainly consist of daily reading to, with and by parents/caregivers.
- include weekly Smart Spelling words.
- include activities that consolidate mathematical concepts taught in class.

Years 3 and 4

Homework:

- will consist of daily reading to, with and by parents/caregivers.
- will include weekly Smart Spelling words.
- will include activities that consolidate the learning of automatic number facts.
- may include the extension of class work.

Years 5 and 6

Homework:

- will consist of daily independent reading.
- will include weekly Smart Spelling words.
- will include activities that consolidate the learning of automatic number facts.
- may include the extension of class work.
- may include an optional challenge task.