

Purpose:

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Aims:

- To develop good reading skills
- To revise and consolidate work that has been taught in class lessons
- To provide opportunities for personal research outside the school environment
- To give further practice in areas that may require rote learning.
- To develop habits of good personal organisational skills
- To develop self-discipline
- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.

Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level.
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- Homework schedules will be discussed with each student individually, with opportunities being made for parents to discuss homework issues with the school.
- Students will be provided with formal opportunities to build organisation and planning skills.
- It is commonplace for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.