

GUIDELINES FOR HOMEWORK

POLICY 1: CURRICULUM GUIDELINE 2



RATIONALE

Homework assists the students to consolidate their learning, practice skills and share their daily school experiences with their families. Teachers prepare homework that is topical, manageable and which most students would find enjoyable. The homework sheet has been shown to be a very effective home/school link, valued highly by our parents.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. At the beginning of the school year each teacher will outline homework expectations and guidelines to parents. This is presented to parents in the Meet the Teachers Evening and in syndicate newsletters.
2. Teachers should make sure their guidelines take into consideration the following points:
 - a. Homework is linked to current classroom learning and explained in advance.
 - b. Homework throughout the school will include reading.
 - c. Clear guidelines should be given by the teacher e.g. presentation, due date, if the parent's signature is or isn't requested. Teachers can share these ideas in a letter to parents at a time early in the school year.
 - d. Resources must be easily available to children in the home or community.
 - e. Teacher feedback should be prompt and constructive.
 - f. Homework assignments could be spread over a longer period of time e.g. one week or two, and for the senior students, special projects may be set that go over much longer periods. (eg: Science Fair projects)
 - g. Parents always have the option to excuse their child from homework when they believe it is appropriate to do so.

3. Year Level Expectations

Years 1-2

- a. Reading material should go home Monday - Thursday
- b. Written homework optional at Year 1 but required by Year 2.
- c. Guidelines for reading will be communicated by teachers to parents.
- d. Variety of tasks is expected.

Years 3-4

- a. No more than 30 minutes per night should be set.
- b. Variety of tasks is expected.
- c. It is important for students to learn to organise, manage and allocate time and homework tasks can support this.
- d. Research skills could be encouraged, provided resources are readily available to the students.

Years 5-6

- a. No more than 45 minutes per night should be set.
- b. It is important for students to learn to organise, manage and allocate time.
- c. A variety of homework tasks can support this.
- d. Research skills could be encouraged, provided resources are readily available to the students.

Years 7-8

- a. On average, homework is expected to take around 45 minutes per night. This will vary depending on how much work students complete at school and what assignments are due that week.
- b. Task-sheets outlining the week's work are distributed on a Monday morning and homework requirements are included on this. Students can choose which tasks they complete at school and home.