



## HOMEWORK POLICY

It is school policy to give homework.

Regular homework is a valuable aspect of the learning process and contributes to the development of sound study habits. **It encourages independent learning and time management skills. It aids in the revision of content and skills learned in class.** Sometimes it can be used to complete unfinished work as well.

- Parents are encouraged to develop in their child a positive attitude towards homework.
- The class teacher and parents check the diary regularly by sighting the completed homework and signing their child's diary. All students in Years 3 – 7 must use the school homework diary. Students in Years 1 – 2 will use an exercise book as a diary.
- If homework is not understood or is not completed, for any reason, parents are requested to communicate to the teacher, by a note in the diary.
- As a general rule, students are expected to complete homework four [4] nights a week - Monday to Thursday.
- The amount of time spent on homework varies according to the year level and the teaching program. A student's progress through Primary School is to be marked by a graduated amount of homework, as set out below.
- The content of homework should be as set out in the table below. All homework should basically be **revision of current and recent class work** in these areas.

Year	Time	Content
1	15 mins/night	<i>Oral Reading</i>
2 – 3	30 mins/night	<i>Oral Reading, Spelling, Basic Facts</i>
4 – 5	40 mins/night	<i>Oral Reading including simple comprehension exercises, Spelling, Basic Facts &amp; Sums, Basic English exercises *</i>
6 – 7	50 mins/night	<i>Reading comprehension exercises (reading of literature is still to be encouraged), Spelling, Maths, Basic English Exercises *</i>

\* Occasional research/project work

- Teachers have only two options in setting class homework:

~ Homework will be set on a Monday, completed during the week and returned on Friday for correction. Teachers will need to ensure students manage their homework time according to the directions stated above.

~ Homework will be set each night, completed and returned for correction the following day.

It is up to the teacher's discretion which model is adopted for the whole class or perhaps for individuals within the class.

### **Notification of Non-Completion of Homework**

When a student fails to complete homework satisfactorily or submit homework on time, the teacher shall send a note home to parents. Parents are expected to respond to this note. Students may be asked to complete homework during lunchtime if it is not completed at home and no explanation from the parents is offered.