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PRINCIPLES

Homework helps students by complementing and reinforcing what's being taught in the classroom, fostering lifelong learning while providing students with the opportunity to develop fundamental skills such as time management, organizational skills and responsibility.

Homework is another opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education. Parents, in partnership with the school, should encourage their children to establish good homework patterns from early primary school. However, it should be noted that preparation of students for the time commitment of future homework in years to come is not in itself a reasonable basis for setting homework.

GUIDELINES

Homework should-

- Support the development of the student's independence as a learner;

- Further the partnership between school and home;

- Avoid dependence on unreasonable levels of parental assistance or resources that are not readily available to the student;

- Be set without impinging on reasonable time for family, recreational, cultural and employment pursuits relevant to the student's age, development and educational aspirations;

- Be phased in gradually and consistently as students move through the school years;

- Be consistently applied and monitored. That is responsive to individual needs and learning area requirements;

- Daily home reading is highly recommended especially in Years 1 - 6.

IMPLEMENTATION

Students will be expected to complete homework on Monday - Thursday.

The following is a guide to implementation.

YEAR LEVEL	TYPE OF HOMEWORK	SUGGESTED TIME
Pre-primary	Nightly Reading, Phonics, Sight Words	10 - 15 minutes
Years 1 - 2	Nightly Reading, Sight Words,	10 - 15 minutes
Years 3	Nightly Reading, Sight Words, Tables/Number Facts,	15 - 20 minutes
Years 4 - 6	Nightly Reading, Spelling, Tables/Number Facts	20 minutes

HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT THEIR CHILD AT HOME

Students benefit from a range of experiences in the home environment. Parents could also support their child/children by-

- ✚ Using the local library;
 - ✚ Accessing educational apps or programs on iPADS or computers eg Skoolbo;
 - ✚ Reading regularly to your child;
 - ✚ Playing games that develop or enhance oral language, literacy and/or numeracy skills;
 - ✚ Purchasing Year Level commercial workbooks which are available for use at home.
- Commercial publications are available from stores such as Big W, Office Max, Officeworks, Kmart. Examples of these books are provided below. Parents can speak to their child's class teacher for additional information.

GAME IDEAS FOR HOME

ENGLISH AND MATHS GAMES	Card Games	Games / Activities
Early Childhood	Snap, Memory (using cards 1 - 10)	Trouble, Puzzles, Guess Who, Orchard Toys, Mouse Trap, Hide and Seek, I Spy
Lower Primary	Snap, Memory, Uno, Old Maid, Go Fish (using all cards), Patience	Snakes and Ladders, Twister, Blokus, Monopoly Junior, Hop Scotch, Connect 4, My First Scrabble Words
Upper Primary	Rummy, Numero, Uka	Yahtzee, Monopoly, Battleship, Scrabble, Chess, Jenga, Pictionary, Rummy, Celebrity Heads

EXAMPLES OF COMMERCIAL WORKBOOKS



