

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

To reinforce and extend programmes, develop student interest in current events and issues and assist in developing independence in study.

### **WORK AND STUDY SKILLS**

Students will:

- Develop sound work habits;
- Take increasing responsibility for their own learning and work;
- Develop the desire and skills to continue learning through life.

*(The New Zealand Curriculum Framework)*

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Homework is to be relevant and appropriate to the class level.
- Homework should be set and marked to a regular routine.
- Homework should be set for Monday to Thursday and not exceed one hour per night.
- Homework should not be a burden to students or parents.
- When a student is reluctant to do homework or unable to complete homework tasks, early contact should be made with parents to seek their cooperation with homework supervision.
- Homework should be interesting, varied and reflect school expectations for pupil achievement.

### **GUIDELINES**

- Each week it is recommended that the student's homework include the following:
  - Reading;
  - Spelling;
  - Reinforcement of mathematic concepts being taught;
  - Revision of basic facts;
  - Current events;
  - Opportunities for extending more able students through open ended learning tasks.
- Each class has students who are grouped according to their ability in reading and mathematics. As a result, homework should reflect this in the nature and scope of tasks set.
- Most students, parents and teachers prefer to have a week homework sheet as this is more likely to develop time management skills.