

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:

1. Each week it is recommended that the student's homework include the following:
 - Reading
 - Spelling
 - Reinforcement of mathematics concepts being taught
 - Revision of basic facts
 - Current events
 - Opportunities for extending more able students through open ended learning tasks
2. 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.
3. Most students, parents and teachers prefer to have a weekly homework sheet as this is more likely to develop time management skills.