Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for practising, extending and consolidating of work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Additionally it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline. Primarily, homework is for revision and consolidation.

DET guidelines indicate that time spent on teacher-set homework should gradually increase from approximately ten minutes in Kindergarten to approximately thirty to forty minutes in Year 6, on no more than four evenings a week.

If your child needs significantly longer than this to complete homework, please see your child’s teacher.

Homework should:
- be age and ability appropriate
- take into account student’s other commitments and responsibilities
- take into account those students without access to technology

As parents and caregivers you can help by:
- taking an interest in your child’s homework
- helping you child to find time each day and a regular work space to complete homework
- communicating any homework concerns to your child’s teacher
- encouraging your child to take an interest in current issues and events

Teachers will also:
- communicate homework expectations to students and parents/carers at the beginning of each academic year via class newsletters and/or during parent information sessions and conferences
- provide ideas for parents helping children in other ways such as reading together, craft activities, computer activities, playing board games, etc
- encourage students to complete homework tasks

Students will make every effort to complete homework tasks, understanding that they are designed to complement the teaching and learning that occurs at school

If you have any questions or concerns about homework please address these to the class teacher.
HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

EARLY STAGE 1 AND STAGE 1 (K-2)

Kindergarten
Things you can do at home to help your child make the most of what they learn at school include:

- reading together
- shopping activities
- preparing food
- learning songs and rhymes
- library borrowing
- talking about school
- interactive computer programs
- craft activities
- playing board and dice games

Year 1 & 2

- reading and completing an activity sheet, which might include English and Maths activities

STAGE 2 AND STAGE 3 (3-6)

- homework activities will be varied and students will be expected to work more independently.
- much of the homework will be in English, Mathematics and Human Society and its Environment.

Components of this homework may include:

- reading either independently or to someone
- spelling practice
- English tasks
- memorising times tables
- mathematics tasks

From time to time there may be additional activities. For example:

- completing unfinished class work
- undertaking independent research for class activities
- preparation for presentations such as public speaking or class items