Homework provides students with opportunities to improve skills already learnt in the classroom. Consolidation of these skills, with family members, helps to create a positive relationship between school and home. This homework policy takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes time for sports, extra curricula activities, leisure and family activities.

**What homework may be set**

- To read regularly: **beginning readers**, generally R-3, will need to read out loud, and/or practise words/sounds. **Other readers**, generally Yr 3-7, will need to read regularly, developing an understanding of what is being read
- Practise Spelling words
- Practise number facts, including times tables

Homework of this nature should be done nightly where possible, rather than all at once.

Teachers will not set other homework.

**Amount of time for homework**

The amount of time expected of students to do homework varies with their age, needs and commitments, both family and individual.

The following times are a guide:
Year R-3-not more than 1-2 hours per week
Year 4-5-not more than 2-3 hours per week
Year 6-7-not more than 3-4 hours per week

This policy was written in consultation with teachers, parent and student groups and after research from other states and countries was reviewed.