HOME LEARNING POLICY

PURPOSE:
Home Learning assists students in developing organisational and time-management skills, self discipline, skills in using out-of-school resources, and personal responsibility for learning. Home Learning also plays an important role in building and maintaining the home/school partnership.

AIM:
- complement and consolidate classroom learning
- foster positive study habits
- develop responsibility for independent learning
- provide an opportunity for parents to participate in their child’s education

GUIDELINES:

1. Parents and caregivers will be advised of home learning expectations at the beginning of the school year.

2. The school’s Home Learning policy will be accessible to parents and caregivers via the school website or hard copies will be available upon request.

3. Students in Foundation- Year 6 will be allocated reading diaries at the beginning of the year to record their home learning.

4. Teachers will support students in developing the organisational and time-management skills necessary for them to become responsible for their own learning.

5. Home learning tasks will be meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum, tasks will be appropriate to the student’s skill level.

6. Home learning tasks will be acknowledged by teachers who will provide practical feedback and support.

7. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to provide support and guidance if required.

8. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to help their children balance the amount of time spent completing home learning, watching television, playing computer games and engaging in other leisure or recreational activities.

The Department of Education and Training recommended time allocation for home learning

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