

Homework Policy

Individual teachers set homework according to the school policy. This policy will be explained at the *Meet the Teacher* session held within the first few weeks of the new year.

It is acknowledged that teachers and parents hold strong views about homework, with as many who believe in homework as those who don't. The school has a minimum requirement of daily reading, spelling and number facts as homework, with additional according to the needs of the student and the belief of the teacher.

It is very important that parents take the responsibility to ensure that students read every night. Development of literacy skills is enhanced by the practice at home.

The following table is a guide of what you can expect as reasonable for homework if set.

<u>Year Level</u>	<u>Homework Overview</u>
Prep	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Reading – sight words – letter sounds.
Year 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or other family members four times a week (As part of the reading program, sight word activities may also be sent home.) Approximate time: 10min per school day (50min per week)
Year 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Reading Program four times a week and <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling/sight word activities (strategies/games etc taught in class), students keep a log/book of activities completed Approximate time: 10-15min per school day (50-75min per week)
Year 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Reading Program four times a week and <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling/sight word activities (strategies/games etc taught in class), or number facts (alternate or based on needs), students keep a log/book of activities complete Approximate time: 10-15min per school day (50-75min per week)
Year 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading at least 4 times a week for 10 mins + <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling/number facts (approx 10min 4 times a week) + <input type="checkbox"/> Activity/Activities from homework grid (total time for completing activities, 20minutes per week) Approximate time: 20min per school day (1 hour 40min per week)
Year 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading at least 4 times a week for 10 mins + <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling/number facts (if required up to 10min 4 times a week) + <input type="checkbox"/> Activity/Activities from homework grid (total time for completing activities, up to 40 minutes per week) Approximate time: 24min per school day (2 hours per week)
Year 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading at least 4 times a week for 15 mins + <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling/number facts (if required up to 10min 4 times a week) + <input type="checkbox"/> Activity/Activities from homework grid (total time for completing activities, up to 50 minutes per week) Approximate time: 30min per school day (2½ hours per week)

Note: When setting homework, teachers will take into account shorter school weeks and other special events. The overview is a guide only, teachers may adjust when the activities should occur (e.g. daily, once a week etc). Some students may take longer to complete a task, where others may take a shorter time. Please discuss any issues regarding homework with your child's class teacher.

This policy has been taken from our Student Handbook and is up-to-date as of November 2018.

