PURPOSE
The purpose of homework is to help our students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering positive lifelong learning and study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

PRINCIPLES OF HOMEWORK
- Homework is an opportunity for parents to be involved in their child’s learning. Parents, in partnership with the school, should encourage their children to establish good homework routines from early primary school
- Parents will be advised of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and be informed about the homework policy through school website and level Wikis
- Homework helps develop organisational and time management skills, self-discipline, skills in using out of school resources and personal responsibility for learning
- Homework diaries and book logs will be used at different year levels. These provide a means of regular communication between home and school
- Homework completion will be monitored. If students regularly do not complete homework tasks, teachers will follow up with parents

TYPES OF HOMEWORK
Homework will be:
- appropriate to the students skill level and age
- interesting, challenging and where appropriate open ended
- balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities
- purposeful, meaningful and relevant to our curriculum
- assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided

ORGANISATION WITHIN THE SCHOOL
PREP- YEAR 4
Prep to Year 4 homework will:
- enable the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering extra information or materials
- mainly consist of daily reading to, with and by parents/caregivers or older siblings
- generally not exceed 30 minutes a day and generally not be set on weekends and holidays

YEAR 5 & 6
Year 5 and 6 homework will:
- include daily independent reading
- include a variety of tasks including extension of class work, projects and research
- provide a range from 30-40 minutes a day

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS
TEACHERS
Teachers help their students by
- setting regular homework to help students establish a home study routine
- distributing homework as a paper copy to all students and also making it accessible on level Wiki and Ultranet
- setting varied, challenging and meaningful tasks related to class work
- providing references including books, articles and websites that will assist with completing homework
- allowing students enough time to complete homework, taking into account home obligations and extracurricular activities
- assessing homework and giving timely feedback and support
- helping students to develop the organisational and time management skills needed for them to be responsible for their own learning
- ensuring that parents and caregivers are aware of the school’s homework policy
Parents and caregivers can help their children by:

- encouraging them to take increasing responsibility for their learning and organization
- observing and acknowledging their success and asking how their home and class work is progressing
- helping them to complete homework by discussing key questions or directing them to resources
- contacting the class teacher to discuss any problems their children are having with their homework
- encouraging their children to set aside a regular daily session to read and complete homework

### HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

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