Rationale:
• Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Aims:
• To support and extend classroom learning.
• To develop positive study habits and a responsibility for self-learning.

Implementation:
• The school’s homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
• All students will be allocated homework books and or diaries.
• Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child’s skill level and age.
• Homework tasks will primarily be reading, spelling and number fact activities, along with social activities as suggested or recommended by classroom teachers.
• Additional homework tasks such as project work may be completed by students, but only if they choose to do so.
• Homework activities should be stimulating, challenging and provide opportunity for independent investigations where appropriate.
• Tasks must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
• All homework activities will be acknowledged with appropriate feedback; support will be provided by teachers and/or parents.
• Homework activities must be accessible to all students regardless of resources and home environments.

The following table can be used as a suggested guide to the amount of time spent on homework. Homework should not grossly exceed these recommended times.

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>Prep</td>
<td>10 minutes per night OR Up to 40 mins per week</td>
<td>Reading for consolidation and enjoyment on a daily basis.</td>
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<td>Yr 1 and 2</td>
<td>10-15 minutes per night OR Up to 1 hour per week</td>
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<td>Yr 3 and 4</td>
<td>20 minutes per night OR Up to 1-1 ½ hours per week</td>
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<td>Up to 30 minutes per night OR 1-2 hours per week</td>
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Evaluation:
• This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in December 2014.