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.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To develop students’ organisational and time-management skills.
- To encourage students to take personal responsibility for their learning.
- To provide opportunities to utilise educational resources from outside the school setting, such as libraries, books, Internet and people with expertise in a particular subject or area of knowledge.

Implementation:
- The school’s homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- All students will be expected to obtain a homework diary or reading log book, dependent on year level.
- All students will be expected to obtain Book Bag to carry Take Home Book and Reading Log/Diary.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child’s skill level and age.
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum.
- Drill and practice activities are to be avoided.
- Homework tasks will be given in line with DEECD Guidelines.
- Homework tasks will consist of the following:
  - reading (to/with/by a parent or independent reading, depending on age & ability of child).
  - extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
  - any uncompleted classroom work may be finished at home – this is left to the teachers’ discretion.
  - projects and assignments.
  - research for upcoming topic/area of learning.
  - follow up to current learning.
  - task will be open ended activities, rather than structured worksheet based activities.

Homework will follow time guidelines set out by DEECD:
- Prep – Grade 4 not to exceed 30 minutes/day.
- Grades 5 – 6 to be approx. 45 minutes/day.
- Must be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload.
- Will not be set during weekends and school holidays.

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.... June 2013