Rationale:
- Home Learning helps students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.
- Home Learning is another opportunity for parents to participate in their child’s education.
- Home Learning is a partnership between school and home: teacher, parent and child each have responsibilities.

Aims:
- To establish and develop in students organisational and time-management skills, self discipline, skills in using out-of-school resources and personal responsibility for learning.
- To further develop communication between the school and home.
- To have parents, in partnership with the school, encourage their children to establish good home learning patterns from early primary school.

Implementation:
The times below are based on averaged figures for four nights per week. It is also recognised that there are some weeks where Home Learning may not be set due to other commitments, for example camps, or weeks where there are a significant number of other school events or the end of term.

In the Early Years (Prep to Year 2), Home Learning will:
- generally average around 15-20 minutes a day
- mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or older siblings

In the Early Years (Years 3 and 4), Home Learning will:
- generally average around 20 minutes a day
- should be primarily English and Maths

In the Middle Years (Years 5 and 6), Home Learning:
- generally average around 30 minutes a day
- should be primarily English and Maths

Some Home Learning will be individualised for students.
Parents will be advised of Home Learning expectations at the beginning of the school year and asked to encourage their child and sign the Home Learning.
Home Learning not completed will be followed up with parents if it occurs on a regular basis.

Evaluation:
- The effectiveness of the Home Learning policy will be evaluated yearly by the staff
- Changes to the program will be made by the School Council on the basis of the recommendations made by the staff
- A periodic major review, examining latest educational trends, will be carried in consultation with students, staff and parents utilising outside experts.

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