



## Homework Policy

### **BELIEFS**

- Students benefit from completing appropriate homework tasks on a regular basis.
- Homework assists students to develop organisational and time management skills, self-discipline and personal responsibility for their learning.
- Homework gives parents an opportunity to share in their children's learning and strengthens the home school partnership.
- Generally, homework takes the form of activities that reinforce newly acquired skills and knowledge at a student's individual level.
- The best homework of all is real family living. This includes lots of conversations, shared bed-time stories, home reading, family games, activities and hobbies, visits and outings to all kinds of places of interest and imaginative play that comes naturally to children of all ages, as well as sporting and team activities.
- Students who regularly complete homework will be acknowledged by various means in their classrooms.

### **RECOMMENDED IMPLEMENTATION**

As a general guide, we recommend that homework is completed at a time that suits family routine and circumstances over a minimum four nights per week.

### **PREP:**

- Reading 10 mins per night
- Parents are encouraged to assist their child to read through the high frequency words regularly

### **GRADES 1 AND 2**

- Reading -10 minutes per night
- Parents are encouraged to go through high frequency words- reading or spelling- on a weekly basis
- Families are encouraged to incorporate maths activities into family routines e.g. cooking, shopping.

### **GRADES 3 AND 4**

- Reading – 15 minutes per night
- From term 2, students are expected to undertake a minimum of thirty minutes of homework per week as well as reading.
- Weekly homework activity targeted at student learning needs, from the Victorian Curriculum and set out in a learning rubric.

### **GRADES 5 AND 6**

- Reading – 20 minutes per night
- From term 2, students are expected to undertake a minimum of one hour of homework each week as well as reading.
- Homework activities will be distributed to students on Fridays and should be completed by the following Thursday.
- Homework tasks will include a variety of activities throughout the year, including research, project work, revision and completion of unfinished classroom work.

**Ratified by the Dana Street Primary School Council on**

**Principal:** Natalie Toohey

**School Council President:** Bart Turnbull-Gent

*\*This policy will be reviewed in 2021*