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*Policy: Homework Policy*

*School: Benalla P-12 College*

*Section: Students 3.11*

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## Homework Policy

### Agreed Understandings

Homework helps students by fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, complementing and reinforcing classroom learning and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Homework is another opportunity for parents and caregivers to participate in their child's education. Parents and caregivers, in partnership with the school, should encourage their children to establish good homework patterns and time management skills from early primary school to,

- Allow for practising, extending, consolidating and summarising work done in the classroom.
- Assist in the development of self-discipline, organisational skills and a strong work ethic.
- Provide an opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education.
- Encourage personal responsibility and develop self-motivation in the learning process.
- Establish good homework patterns from early childhood.
- Allow for extension or challenging tasks for students' engagement.

### Implementation:

#### Homework should:

- Relate to what is being taught in the classroom.
- Be appropriate to the skill level of the students.
- Be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open ended to allow for creativity.
- Be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the school curriculum.
- Be assessed. This can be done in a variety of ways such as marked by the teacher, peer/self-assessment, orally and by testing.

- 1 The purpose of the homework and how it will be assessed must be made clear to the students. Homework must not be used as a disciplinary measure.  
A variety of tasks can be set such as questions, research, extended writing, past exam papers and revision. Other types of homework may include

Reading to your child, with your child and allowing your child to read independently.

Discussing and questioning your child's reading material with them to develop comprehension.

Projects based around the unit of work for the term.

Home related support, consolidation and extension available through classroom blogs, wikis and appropriate websites.

Completing set tasks.

Consolidating mathematical knowledge (eg. learning times tables)

Summarising class work to consolidate learning.

2. Teachers will communicate homework expectations to parents at the beginning of the year via class, and/or school newsletters.

3. Staff and parents/caregivers will work together to assist students to develop responsibility for their homework as they progress from Early Years through to the Middle Years and Senior Years.

Letters will be sent home to families of students in Years 7 to 12 when there are tasks overdue. Parents can gain copies of task instructions on request.

**Basis for discretion:**

The basis for discretion lies with the Principal as an operational matter.

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