POLICY NO. CUR012 (Previously #16)  

HOMEWORK

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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 organisational and time-management skills
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning and establishes a study pattern for secondary schooling.

GUIDELINES:
- Parents will be advised of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and will be provided with a copy of the school’s homework policy.
- Homework guidelines will be discussed at early Term 1 Level 3 and 4 parent information sessions.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child’s skill level and age.
- Homework must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.

Early Years (Prep – Year 4)
Homework will consist mainly of:
- reading activities to, with and by parents.
- simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- gathering of additional information or materials
Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day / 2 hours per week and will not be set on weekends or during school holiday periods.

Middle Years (Years 5 – 6)
Homework will consist mainly of:
- independent reading on a daily basis
- tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, genre writing tasks and research
Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day / 3hrs 45 minutes per week. It may be set during weekends and school holiday periods.

- Failure by students to complete homework on a regular basis will be followed up by the teacher with parents.
- Parents are encouraged to be involved with each child’s homework.
- All set homework should be signed by a parent and corrected by a teacher.

EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the CHPS three year review cycle.