



LOCK AREA SCHOOL

Homework Policy



RATIONALE:

We believe that homework is an important part of a child's education. It is set for the following reasons:

- i) to consolidate or extend material taught in class at school
- ii) to allow students the chance to think and work by themselves.
- iii) to assist in the development of positive study habits.

PROCEDURES:

Teacher's responsibility:

- Inform parents of the schools Homework Policy
- Ensure that homework set
 - is useful and worth doing.
 - is reasonable in length and difficulty.
 - is well explained so that students know exactly what they have to do.
 - is part of the lesson.
 - is checked on the following day or on a regular basis.
- Check that homework is recorded in the diary before child leaves school.
- Set work on specific nights as per homework timetable.
- Inform the child and family, via a diary note of any incomplete work.
- If an assignment or project is set, ensure that the completion date is entered into diaries by students. In this way, both students and parents will be aware of the due date.

Parent's responsibility:

- Provide the opportunity and an appropriate environment for their child to complete homework successfully.
- Check diary to see that times are recorded.
- Sign their child's diary weekly.
- Inform the teacher if the child is having difficulty, via a note in the diary.
- Inform the teacher if the homework isn't completed, via a note in the diary.

Student's responsibility:

- Accurately record specific tasks in diary.
- Ensure they understand the tasks to be undertaken.
- Complete the tasks set to the best of their ability.
- Ask for assistance as needed.
- Have necessary equipment to complete tasks (eg books, pens, etc)
- Inform parents of task(s) to be undertaken.
- Take diary to parents for information and signing.
- Return the diary to school daily.

ORGANISATIONAL RULES:

Year R/1 Class

- There will be no set homework, although it is expected that children will share a book each night and on alternative days practice sight words and maths numbers
- An individual reading recording system involving parents will be organised by the teacher.

Year 2/3 Class

- No set homework.
- Reading is expected to be done a minimum of 3 nights a week.
- Spelling practice will be optional.

Year 4/5/6 Class

- Homework will be set on a regular basis.
- No more than 4 nights of 30 minutes work per night will be given and this includes 10 minutes of reading.

Year 7/8/9/10 Class

- No more than 4 subjects per night, according to the Homework timetable, will be set.
- Students will be expected to do no more than:

Year 7:	20 minutes per subject
Year 8:	25 minutes per subject
Year 9:	25 minutes per subject
Year 10:	30 minutes per subject

- Special needs students will be given individual homework expectations.

OUTCOME:

That homework is an integral part of the educational process and students may develop positive study habits.