

## **HOMWORK POLICY**

Positive parental interest in children's education is a powerful means to enhancing learning and well-being. Homework can support and enrich the individual learning of students, both academically and socially.

The setting of homework reflects the discretion of the individual class teacher, however there will be consistency amongst year level teams. Completed homework is valued by the teacher and will provide students with feedback. To promote positive work habits the following guidelines have been agreed upon.

### **R-7 Reading**

**It is essential for ALL students to spend time at home practising their reading each day. Reading is a fundamental skill that requires practise regardless of age or ability.**

Students who practise their reading regularly will benefit significantly across all areas of learning. Home Reading will be carefully monitored and consistent efforts will be acknowledged and celebrated. Please talk to your child's teacher if you would like support with tips and strategies to use at home.

### **Junior Primary (R-2)**

- ▶ Reading and oxford words → approximately 10 minutes per day
- ▶ Students practice maths number sense lists

### **Primary (3-5)**

- ▶ Reading → 15-20 minutes per day
- ▶ Homework will be set in Word Study and one other area relating to student targets → approximately 15 minutes per day
- ▶ Total = approximately 30 minutes per day

### **Upper Primary (6-7)**

- ▶ Reading → 20 minutes per day (minimum)
- ▶ Homework will be set in Literacy and one other subject area each night relating to student targets → approximately 20 minutes per day
- ▶ Total = approximately 40 minutes per day

### **Diaries**

Westport Diaries are provided to all students. Students Years 3-7 will record their homework tasks in their diaries and present them to their parents/guardians for signing each week. Diaries can also be used by parents/guardians and teachers to communicate in writing. Home reading requires a parent/guardian signature, which is checked daily by the class teacher.

### **Catch Up (3-7 students only)**

Catch up (the first 15 minutes of lunch play and supervised by a teacher) will apply to students who do not complete homework on a regular basis. Class teachers will record this information.