If further information is required, please refer to the DEECD Homework Guidelines.

1. VISION

At home, students engaging in meaningful activities and discussions that complement what they are learning at school.

2. RATIONALE

2.1 We value a regular reading habit at home and the practise of core English and Mathematics skills. We encourage and expect that students read every day, increasing the amount of time spent reading as they progress through primary school.

2.2 We acknowledge that families have different needs and expectations in relation to home based learning.

2.3 Staff have a professional responsibility to communicate to parents if they believe that a specific Home Learning task will positively impact upon their child’s progress.

3. ACTION

3.1 Encourage and expect all students to read every day and to find reading materials that interest them either from school, home or community libraries.

3.2 Relate Home Learning tasks to the curriculum ensuring that each task set is purposeful and within the capability of each student to complete independently at home.

3.3 Ensure that parents/carers and students are aware of the DEECD Homework Guidelines:

**Prep to Year 4 Home Learning** -
- should not be seen as a chore
- enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials
- will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings
- will generally not exceed 30 minutes a day or be set on weekends or during vacations.

**Year 5 to Year 9 Home Learning** -
- should include daily independent reading
- should be coordinated across subjects in secondary schools to avoid unreasonable workloads for students
- may extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- will generally range from:
  1. 30 to 45 minutes a day at Year 5
  2. 45 to 90 minutes a day in Year 9.

3.4 Explain expectations and timelines to students when Home Learning tasks are set.

3.5 Punitive measures will not be implemented for non-completion of Home Learning tasks

3.6 Parents/carers of students in Prep– Year 2 should record their child’s reading in the Home Reading Log.
3.7 Students in Years 3 – 6 should be encouraged to use their Student Diary to record the home learning tasks set, and as a reading log.

4. REVIEW

The Home Learning Policy will be reviewed regularly, as part of the school’s policy review process.