SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. At Eatons Hill, we encourage teachers to prepare homework that

- enhances student learning
- is purposeful and relevant to students needs
- is appropriate to the phase of learning (early, or middle)
- is appropriate to the capability of the student
- develops the student’s independence as a learner
- is varied, challenging and clearly related to class work
- allows for student commitment to recreational, employment, family and cultural activities.

Homework activities may include

- revision eg. spelling, number facts, maths tasks, and critical reflection to consolidate learning (practising for mastery)
- applying knowledge and skills in new contexts
- pursuing knowledge individually and imaginatively (investigating, researching, writing, designing.)
- preparing for forthcoming classroom learning (collecting relevant materials, items, information)

We encourage all children to read regularly. Many children will benefit from regular practice in spelling and basic number facts at home as recall in these areas assists in practical writing and computational activities in class. At times, this may be part of formal class homework. Arrangements for homework vary from class to class and throughout the year. Parents will be kept informed regarding specific set tasks through class homework notices, class newsletters or class pages on the school’s website.

The following schedule is a guide to the amount of time recommended for students to commit to homework tasks. If parents have any concerns about homework, direct communication with the class teacher is advised.

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Some classes are given homework on a daily basis (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) while others are given a homework sheet for a week’s duration so that students can plan to complete the work over the week taking into account sporting and family commitments.