Sacred Heart Primary School
Westmead

Homework Policy

1.0 Rationale
Homework is seen as one part of the learning process. The staff at Sacred Heart believes that homework serves as a reinforcement of work done in class, as a means of developing home study habits, and it also provides appropriate opportunities for parents to be involved in a practical way in the ongoing education of their children.

2.0 Aims
2.1 To provide practical guidelines for staff in establishing criteria for homework for the children for whom they are responsible.
2.2 To provide parents with an understanding of staff expectations regarding the amount of homework appropriate for the different stages of child development.
2.3 To assist children in their understanding of why homework is set.

3.0 Implementation
3.1 Communication of this policy through the newsletter, in the staff handbook, and at teacher-parent information meetings.
3.2 The amount and frequency of homework to be determined by each grade at the beginning of the year.
3.3 Homework needs to be relevant to the Key Learning Areas and be corrected.
3.4 Information relating to the homework which requires parent supervision to be communicated to parents throughout the year.
3.5 Children on extended leave are encouraged to maintain a diary and to read.
3.6 Children who are absent due to illness are not expected to complete homework activities.
3.7 Reading is to be an integral part of homework for every child.
3.8 An after school homework group has been established for the Sudanese students at the school. This may be offered to other students if the need arises for extra support.

4.0 Budget

A budget is not necessary for this policy.

5.0 Evaluation

The Principal, with delegated responsibility to Executive members will be responsible for the planning, implementation and review of this program.