

# *Buckland School*

## *Homework Procedures*

### **Rationale:**

Homework can assist in supporting learning at school and supporting the development of self discipline for unsupervised study for later years at Year 7 and 8, High School and Tertiary levels.

### **Procedures:**

Children will have homework allocated 4 nights a week on: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Homework however is optional and at the discretion of parents and caregivers. Parents are to notify teachers if they do not wish their child to have homework allocated.

- For this procedure to be effective, it requires the full co-operation of parents, teachers and pupils.
- Teachers will set the homework on a Monday and provided it is handed in on Friday of that week it will be marked by teachers. Parents have the responsibility to see it is completed or acknowledge their acceptance of non-completion due to home situations or extra curriculum activity.
- Children cannot be made to complete homework at school.
- Parents need to sign homework books weekly and junior reading notebooks each night.
- Year 7/8 children will have an extra task to extend the time spent on homework.
- Teachers will use their discretion in setting homework and tasks will be appropriate to the needs of the students.
- As homes vary in the amount of resource material and availability to Public Libraries, Internet etc, teachers will take this into account when setting work.
- During special occasions during the year such as speeches, AG day homework may be modified to support these activities.
- Homework at Junior levels (Yrs 1 – 3) will include an easy reading task.
- Athletics will be available for home and school use. 1000 points will be expected each week.
- Teachers will discuss homework requirements at the initial parent meeting and will also outline this in the class newsletter which will be sent home early in the year and also be available on the class websites.
- Parents should encourage children to maintain a good standard of accuracy and neatness.
- Maths worksheets will not be sent home. If parents want their children to do more study it is up to them to organise this – books are available for purchase at most stationery bookshops and there are ample tasks available on internet sites.

### **Some examples of Homework may be:**

- Reading nightly
- Revision of Tables and Basic Facts
- Revision and learning of Spelling words
- Athletics
- Teachers may also place links to websites that students may access voluntarily on their class web pages.

### **Parents Homework:**

- Try reading nightly to young children
- Talk positively with your child about their day at school
- Help your child with their homework
- Visit the public library with your child
- Have your child help you with the shopping, measuring of ingredients when cooking, etc.