

# Highfields State School

## HOMEWORK POLICY

### **Rationale:**

Homework tasks are designed to promote self-discipline by encouraging students to accept responsibility for their study and timetabling and to encourage students to develop positive attitudes to their learning.

### **Objectives:**

To enhance students' learning through the practice, revision and extension of classroom experiences in all curriculum areas.

### **Operating Principles:**

#### **Recommended Times:**

Years 1 and 2 Tasks given at this level in the first semester should not exceed fifteen minutes. This may increase to twenty minutes in the second semester of Year 2.

Years 3 and 4 Tasks should not exceed half an hour.

Years 5 and 6 Tasks should not exceed three quarters of an hour.

These are maximum times and it is not imperative that sufficient work for these times be given each night.

On weekends and holidays no written homework is to be set but students may use this time to complete unfinished tasks.

The level of tasks set should be challenging but should also give all students the opportunity to succeed.

Wherever possible, presentation of completed tasks should be incorporated into class program or be part of self/peer evaluation.

Homework tasks should take into account individual students' levels of attainment.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Homework should contribute to the quality of education and form an element of the supportive school environment.