Homework

Information Sheet.

Homework allows students to practice, extend and consolidate work done in class. Students are expected and encouraged to complete set homework in addition to study for tests and examinations. Homework also reaffirms the role of parents and caregivers as partners in education and provides parents and caregivers with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their children.

The type of homework given can vary …
Homework helps students develop habits of reviewing work undertaken in class. There are three main types of homework:

- practice exercise to apply new skills and knowledge
- preparatory homework to gain background information on a new unit of work
- extension assignments to extend your knowledge beyond classwork on a particular topic

When students do not have set homework …
When no homework has been set, students can review their work for that day in each subject and if they have any questions, write them in their diaries to ask the teacher the following day. In addition students should complete any unfinished work and ensure they have all the equipment required for the following day.

Homework is valuable because it …

- strengthens home–school links
- allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class
- teaches students how to plan and organise their time
- develops students’ research skills
- establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline which will serve students for the rest of their lives
- challenges and extends gifted and talented children.

Parents and caregivers can help by…

- taking an active interest in homework
- ensuring there is time set aside for homework
- encouraging and supporting students to complete homework
- providing, where possible, a dedicated place for homework and study
- encouraging students to read and take an interest in current events.