Doncaster Gardens Primary School
Homework Policy

Philosophical Basis:

Regular homework is a valuable aspect of the learning process and contributes to the development of sound study habits and time management skills.

Guidelines:

- Homework expectations will be consistent with children having sufficient time to pursue their interests in varied activities and organisations.
- Responsibility for returning homework to school rests with the student.
- The amount of homework required of children in different classes of the same year level will be uniform.
- Allowance will be made for individual differences in the time spent to complete homework tasks.
- Teachers will review the homework of each child, ensuring that it is consistent with and extends, class work.
- Homework will be a means of stimulating parental involvement with the school and the child through the sharing of knowledge and discussion.
- Homework for students in Prep to Year 4 will generally not be set on weekends or during vacations.

Implementation:

- The DGPS Homework Policy will be implemented in accordance with Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines.
- Parental guidance and support is expected.
- The DGPS Homework Policy will be outlined to families each year at the appropriate information evenings.
- Parents are asked to inform teachers if children are experiencing difficulties with the set work.
- Prep
  - Home reading each night
  - Alphabet book
- Year 1
  - Home reading each night
  - Spelling - The “Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check” method (LSCWC)
  - Maths activity or oral presentation preparation
- Year 2
  - Home reading each night
  - Spelling - The “Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check” method (LSCWC)
  - Other work may include Mathematics, English, oral presentation preparation and integrated unit work.
- Years 3 and 4
  - Home reading each night
  - Homework activities will be related to class work across a variety of curriculum areas.
  - Spelling - The “Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check” method (LSCWC)
  - Some project work and research may be completed for homework.
- Years 5 and 6
  - Home reading each night
  - Homework activities will be related to class work across a variety of curriculum areas.
  - Spelling - The “Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check” method (LSCWC)
  - Some project work and research may be completed for homework.
  - A communication and time management electronic diary/calendar will be used by all children.

Evaluation:

Ongoing evaluation of the program will be carried out through monitoring:

- Parent feedback and support
- Students’ completion of homework and feedback
- Teacher reviews of homework program at team meetings, at least once each term
- This policy will be reviewed every three years as part of the policy review cycle.