Loxton Lutheran School

HOMEWORK POLICY

**Expectations**
At Loxton Lutheran we believe that homework should

- Support the educational objectives of the learning programme by reinforcing the basic reading, spelling and tables skills being taught in the classroom
- Be easily managed by parents at home
- Assist in developing a regular non-intrusive study habit
- Help in the development of self-discipline, self-motivation and time-management skills in each student
- Be positively viewed by both parents and children.
- Be appropriate to the level of development of each child in content and difficulty.
- Not exceed:
  - 15 minutes a night for Reception to Year 2
  - 20 minutes a night for Year 3
  - 30 minutes a night for Years 4 to 7

**Content**
Homework is to include

- A reading component for each of 4 nights a week
- Either a spelling or tables component (not both) to complement reading on each night

**Extra Work**

- Teachers may expect that incomplete work due to lack of effort or attention may be completed by children at any time
- Parents may request that supplementary homework activities be provided by teachers if so desired
  - It is the responsibility of parents to manage this work with their child(ren)

**Parent Responsibility**
Parents are asked to support the homework policy by:

- Being aware of the expectations via class newsletters, student diaries or communication books
- Encouraging their child(ren) and participating in the homework activity by questioning, testing, listening etc
- Encouraging effort and praising achievement
- Communicating with your child(ren’s) teacher(s) about problems or difficulties
- Providing a comfortable environment in which to undertake homework

**Teacher Responsibility**
It is the responsibility of teachers to:

- Outline their procedures in regard to homework, during the Parent Information Evenings
- Be clear in their daily requirements of students
- Readily liaise with parents re concerns about homework
- Readily provide extra homework activities upon parent request