Rationale:

- Homework benefits students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their lifelong learning.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive and effective study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To promote the value of family and community involvement in the learning process.

Implementation:

- The school’s homework policy will be made available to parents at the commencement of each school year, printed in the school diary and accessible on the school website.
- Classroom teachers may set daily homework appropriate to each child’s skill level and age and this may include unfinished or missed classroom activities.
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging, purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- Homework is developed as a communication between parents, students and teachers so that parents are aware of, and able to support, what is expected of their child. The use of a homework diary will be utilised as appropriate.
- Homework grids and study planners may be developed by staff and/or students to assist in homework tasks.

Early Years (Prep – Year 4)

- Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day and will not be set on weekends or during school holiday periods.
- Incomplete homework may result in parental consultation. Students in Grade 3 and 4 may be required to finish their homework during a supervised lunch period.

Middle Years (Years 5 – 8)

- Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day for students in Grades 5 and 6.
- Homework will generally not exceed 1 hour per day for students in years 7 and 8.
- Homework should be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload, and may be set during weekends and school holidays.
- Incomplete homework may result in attendance at the supervised lunchtime homework club and parental notification.

Senior Years (Years 9 – 12)

- The recommended homework time allotments are:
  - Year 9 = 6 hours per week
  - Year 10 = 8 hours per week
  - Year 11 = 12 hours per week *
  - Year 12 = 15 hours per week *
V.C.E. Students are expected to complete 40% of their course work outside normal lessons, that is, in private study at school and as homework. V.C.E. students need to develop regular and effective study habits to cope with the increased amount of homework.

Evaluation:
- This policy will be reviewed biannually.

This policy was last ratified by BCC School Council in **May 2014**