



Library Policy

Rationale

- The school library is essential to the primary school curriculum because it provides materials which will enrich and support the curriculum in all areas from Kindergarten to Year Six. The library is a learning resource which aids in the development of factual knowledge, information gathering skills, literacy appreciation and aesthetic values.
- Community use of the resources in the library is to be encouraged.

Aims

To develop in the child:

- The ability to locate and borrow resources from the library.
- The ability to locate, extract, process and present information.
- A positive attitude in his/her approach to books and literature.
- A desire to read for pleasure.
- To encourage and teach them to respect and look after their books.

Principles

- Library skills should be taught in a context which is both relevant and functional.
- Library skills will include the use of the Internet for sourcing information.
- Provide the opportunity to browse and borrow books in order to foster a love of Literature.
- To expose the children to a wide variety of genre (including texts and audio visual materials).

Care of Books

- Kindergarten to Year 6 children borrow library books on a weekly basis.
- Students in the Senior Room may borrow up to 6 books.
- Students in the Junior Room may borrow up to 4 books
- All children are to have a water proof book bag in which to put their books.
- Children will only be able to borrow books if they have a library bag.
- Library days may change each year and will be announced in the Newsletter.
- Parents will be contacted if a child continually forgets their Library Bag.

Damaged or Lost Books

- If any books, Library or Reading Books are brought back to School damaged then an account for the amount of that book will be charged to the parents.
- Parents will also be sent an invoice for lost Library and Reading Books.