

Homework Policy

Rationale:

Homework involving students learning through real life activities with the family is the most beneficial. Examples of these activities are handling money whilst shopping with parents, looking up destinations in street maps, reading stories and discussing news/events of the day. Many students spend much of their time out of school in a variety of leisure time activities. Undertaking such activities furthers the partnership between school and home and is as an opportunity for parents to work cooperatively to support and participate in their child's education.

Aims:

Homework should be;

- to support and extend classroom learning and be appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- purposeful, meaningful and relevant to student learning
- to foster lifelong learning
- to connect families with the learning of their children
- interesting, challenging and appropriate
- balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities
- to develop a responsibility for self-learning.

Implementation:

Type	Description
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For homework, students are expected to read every night. Daily reading can consist of reading to self (grades 4-6), reading to with or by parents, carers or siblings. We encourage parents to discuss the books with their children.
Other tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other tasks that can be completed by students throughout the week include, but are not limited to: practising sight and spelling words (M100W), creative writing, practising physical education skills (such as ball handling), playing a musical instrument, practising another language or reinforcing maths skills.
Talking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home tasks can also include daily conversations and discussion with the focus of extending student vocabulary and concepts that students are learning about. A good way to encourage discussion is to play board games or have children involved in everyday tasks such as setting the table.

- Families are encouraged to establish a routine around when and where daily reading will occur.
- The school will run a Reading Club before school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30-8:45am. Parents are invited to stay and listen to their child/ren and other's, staff are also there to hear students read.
- When requested by parents, homework for children who have extended absence from school due to illness will be provided.
- Special homework for children who are absent from school on a family holiday will not be provided.
- Suggested activities for children on holidays include keeping a travel diary, writing letters to friends and family, reading books of interest, reading maps and travel brochures, keeping a record of kilometres travelled, money spent, petrol used, etc. Children may be enrolled in 'Distance Education', if required. This is the responsibility of the parent.

Evaluation:

This policy is in line with DET guidelines and expectations and will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Review:

This policy was reviewed in June 2020 and is due for review in June 2024.