

HOMEWORK

GUIDELINES

Aims:

Homework is set to:

- Consolidate student learning
- Develop time management skills
- Develop study habits and independent learning
- Provide opportunities for parents to communicate with their children and to monitor their progress.

Implementation:

Types of Homework

The students will receive essential homework from the English and Mathematics Learning Areas. There may be a number of other activities that will be linked to a variety of Learning Areas.

Frequency of Homework

Weekly

- Review and assess homework in class time
- Provide positive feedback and encouragement for homework completion.

Suggested Times for Homework

- Kindergarten and Pre-Primary: 10–15 minutes per day (maximum of 1 hour per week)
- Years 1, 2 and 3: 10-20 minutes per day (maximum of 1 ½ hour per week)
- Years 4, 5 and 6: 20-30 minutes per day (maximum of 2 hours per week)

Teacher Responsibilities

- Teachers inform parents of the year group homework program, in line with the guidelines, at the parent/teacher meeting in Term 1
- A copy of the program is to be forwarded to the Line Manager
- Teachers to set homework that has a clear purpose and is linked to the learning programme
- Homework assignments are to consolidate learning and be differentiated where necessary
- Diaries and teacher prepared sheets or homework books are to be used and checked regularly to communicate homework tasks. The year group teachers are to make a collaborative decision in consultation with the Line Manager
- Teachers to provide positive acknowledgement for homework completion
- Teachers to review homework, and provide timely and constructive feedback.

School Responsibilities

- Teachers to monitor the completion of homework and communicate their findings to the School Accountability & Improvement Team
- Monitor and review the Homework Guidelines and communicate the guidelines to the parents.

Role of Parents/Caregivers

- Take an active interest in your child's homework
- Support your child in setting aside time for homework
- Provide a dedicated place for homework and study if possible
- Assist teachers to monitor homework by signing completed work if requested, and be aware of the amount of homework set
- Communicate with teachers any concerns about the nature of homework or your child's approach to homework
- Encourage your child to read and take an active interest in current events
- Alert the school to any domestic circumstances or extra curricular activities which may need to be taken into consideration when homework is being marked.

Link to WA Department of Education: Homework Guidelines

<http://det.wa.edu.au/policies/detcms/guidelines-planning-and-accountability/policies-framework/guidelines/homework-guidelines.en?cat-id=3457121>

Evaluation:

These guidelines will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.