

Homework Policy

Responsibility: Assistant Principal
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Help for non-English speakers

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Purpose	To outline to our school community the Department's and Wooranna Park Primary School's policy requirements relating to homework.
Scope	This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Wooranna Park Primary School.
Rationale	<p>Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills • providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge • providing opportunities for students to prepare for future lessons • encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively • fostering good lifelong learning and study habits • supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.
Definitions	Homework is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.
Policy	<p>At Wooranna Park Primary School all homework set by teachers will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purposeful • curriculum-aligned • appropriate to students' skill level and age • designed to help students develop as independent learners • monitored by the teacher • where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning. <p>Some examples of the types of homework that teachers at Wooranna Park Primary School might allocate to students include::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completing consolidation exercises for mathematics • completing science investigation exercises • making or designing an artwork • practising and playing musical instruments • practising spelling words • practising sports skills • practising words/phrases learnt in a language other than English • reading background material for a subject • reading English texts prior to class discussion • reading for pleasure • researching topics associated with set class work • revising/preparing for tests

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • daily reading practise • online learning tasks such as My Numeracy • applying new skills to home context such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ planning and cooking food, including following a recipe ○ helping to plan a day trip or holiday, including timings, directions and costs ○ growing plants ○ reviewing their favourite film or book ○ writing a diary entry • engaging with parents in learning activities such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ rehearsing a presentation with parent/carers, and seeking their feedback ○ interviewing a family member as part of a research project.
	<p>Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.</p> <p>Responsibilities and expectations for leaders at Wooranna Park Primary School are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advise teachers, students, and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy. • Make provisions to support students who are unable to complete homework e.g. Homework club <p>Responsibilities and expectations for teachers at Wooranna Park Primary School are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age • ensure homework tasks are purposeful – this means they are deliberately designed and planned to support student learning • Communicate with families and develop an agreement before sending home work not completed in class as homework • provide timely and practical feedback to students and/or acknowledge students who complete their homework by awarding raffle tickets or house points in line with our whole school acknowledgement system • the amount of homework set supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school hours • offer opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning. <p>Responsibilities and expectations for students are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • being aware of the school's homework policy • discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers • accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames • following up on comments made by teachers • seeking assistance when difficulties arise • organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities and part-time employment (for older students). <p>Responsibilities and expectations for parents/carers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities • talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework • discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in dialogue, linking homework to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ previous experiences the child and/or parent/carer may have had ○ family culture(s), history(ies) and language(s) ○ relevant services, clubs, associations and community. • ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework. 	
Support for Students and Parents/Carers	Wooranna Park Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.	
Communication	<p>This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available publicly on our school's website • Included in staff induction processes • Made available in hard copy from the school office upon request 	
Related Documents	<p>Department of Education and Training policies and resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework 	
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