



HOMWORK GUIDELINES

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The Benefits of Homework

Homework is valuable because it:

- strengthens home-school links;
- allows for preparation, practice, extension and consolidation of work done in class;
- teaches students how to plan and organise their time;
- develops students' research skills;
- establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline which will serve students for the rest of their lives.

The Role of the Teacher

The teacher is responsible for setting homework which is:

- appropriate to the overall planning of the Stage;
- in keeping with the curriculum content of the class program;
- reasonable in expectations of time and effort involved;
- set for completion within a given time frame.

The teacher is also responsible for:

- communicating with parents about homework issues;
- encouraging students to complete homework;
- following up homework.

The Role of the Student

The student is responsible for:

- completing homework to the best of their ability;
- completing and returning their homework within the given time frame;
- reading for enjoyment on a daily basis;

The Role of Parents and Caregivers

Parents and caregivers assume responsibility by:

- encouraging and supporting students in completing their homework;
- providing, if possible, a dedicated place and desk for homework and study;
- communicating with teachers about any concerns with homework;
- encouraging students to read a range of material on a daily basis.

Special Notes

- Daily reading experience is expected for all students K-6. This may involve being read to, reading to a parent, brother or sister, reading a wide range of reading matter for enjoyment.

Amount of Homework:

The following is a **guide** for the amounts of homework per night on a grade basis. Times are approximations only.

Early Stage 1	5 -10 minutes, reading, depending on readiness
Stage 1	10-20 minutes
Stage 2	20-40 minutes
Stage 3	40-60 minutes

Three types of homework

1. Practice Exercises help students to remember and practice newly acquired skills – such as memorising mathematical tables, practising spelling words, writing essays and reading for pleasure.
2. Preparatory Homework requires students to source and read background information to prepare them for future lessons on a specific subject – such as reading an article on the Gold Rush in preparation for a lesson in Australian history.
3. Extension Assignments encourage students to pursue knowledge individually and imaginatively. Assignments may include writing a book review, researching local news or retrieving items from the Internet.

Homework for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

There are things you can do at home to help your child make the most of what they learn in Kindergarten. Reading to children at home and involving them in family activities will greatly assist the development of their skills in literacy, numeracy and problem solving. Home reading is a very important part of your child's literacy acquisition.

In Years 1 and 2 some more formal homework is set. For example, students may be asked to copy letters or words, or to complete an activity.

Homework for Stage 2 and Stage 3

Homework in Years 3-6 will be varied and students will be expected to work more independently. However, teachers will still provide guidance and assistance to students having difficulties completing their homework.

Appendix (Refer also to Parent Note re Homework and Home Reading Guidelines)

- Homework Not Submitted note



Incomplete Homework Notification

Date _____

Dear (parent name) _____

At the beginning of the year, you indicated that you would like your child to participate in the homework program, set by the school.

This note is a courtesy letter to advise you that _____ has not submitted homework to me on three recent occasions, being:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

_____ (Class Teacher)