



Mundaring Primary School

Homework Policy

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This Homework Policy is the operational plan used to implement the Department of Education's Homework Policy and Guidelines 2014

Background

Every school is to have a documented approach to homework that takes into account the needs of the students and the phase of their development, and reflects the context of the school.

The principal is responsible for developing and implementing a documented school approach to homework that:

- *is consistent with the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline and school plans;*
- *is developed in consultation with the school staff and parents and endorsed by the school council;*
- *is regularly communicated to students and parents;*
- *includes general guidelines for parents, where appropriate, as to how they can support and assist their children; and*
- *is supported and implemented by all staff.*

(DoE Homework 2014)

Guidelines for Setting Homework

When setting homework the following principles should be considered. Homework should:

- Be family friendly, including family involvement and discussion.
- Not impinge on reasonable time for family, recreational and cultural pursuits relevant to the students' age and development.
- Revise and practise concepts covered in class.
- Foster independence as a learner and not expect unreasonable levels of parental assistance or resources that are not readily available to the student.
- Be balanced across learning areas.
- Cater to the individual needs of the child.
- Homework is not used as a form of punishment.

Suggested Activities

The minimum level of homework is reading (Monday to Thursday) which can be acknowledged by the use of reading records, stamp charts etc. Other activities relevant to the student's development and related directly to the class programs including finishing off work, multiplication tables, spelling / tricky words etc. can also be included. Homework needs to be marked.

Time Allocations

Maximum time allocations are:

- **Kindy to Year 2** – 15 minutes.
- **Year 3 to 5** – 20 minutes
- **Years 6** – 30 minutes

Parent Requests

Requests for extra homework or less homework are to be discussed with the class teacher. The teacher is under no obligation to set extra homework, but advice may be given to the requesting parent.

Requests for student work during the holidays or during absences due to family commitments or holidays are at the discretion of the class teacher and take into account that such additional work does not necessarily form an integral part of the school learning program.

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