



# Homework Policy

Developed from the Department of Education's "Homework" supporting document available at <https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/Documents/homework.pdf>

**Purpose of homework:** To support students to revise and consolidate knowledge and skills learnt in class in a largely independent manner.

## As a school community, we value:

- High impact, quality teaching and learning in the classroom, making best use of school hours available for learning
- Homework as an opportunity to revise knowledge and practise skills learnt in class
- The importance of family, recreation, and community and cultural activities
- Students being able to complete homework mostly independently, equitably and with the varying and limited resources available to them
- Parents' decisions to have their children complete or not complete homework
- The importance of allowing time outside of school hours for children to play, rest, participate in extra-curricular activities and help their families

## Homework must:

- Clearly relate to class work, wellbeing or home life eg helping at home, physical fitness
- Be appropriate to particular years of schooling
- Be reasonably differentiated for individual learning needs
- Consolidate, revise and/or apply students' classroom learning such as
  - reading and writing sight words
  - counting
  - memorising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division number facts
  - reading and writing for enjoyment and class-related learning
  - rehearsing oral presentations
  - age-appropriate researching for class-related projects
  - teacher-set tasks on online learning platforms – Mathletics, Literacy Planet, Reading Eggs
- Develop students' independence as learners through activities such as investigating, researching, writing, designing and creating
- Assist students to prepare for upcoming classroom learning, such as collecting relevant materials and information, completing surveys and audits
- Be monitored by the teacher, including to identify and correct errors made
- Be considerate of the wellbeing of children and their families as a result of homework
- Be regularly reviewed to ensure length and suitability complies with this homework policy

Homework and this policy must be **consistently implemented throughout the school**, including:

- What is set for homework and the expectations in each year level,
- The amount of time students spend in completing homework at each year level, including set reading for enjoyment:
  - Up to a maximum of 10-20 minutes per school night for Prep to Year 3
  - Up to a maximum of 30-45 minutes per school night, two to three hours per week for Years 4 to 6
  - Children are also encouraged to read for enjoyment outside of homework requirements