

HOMework POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Homework Policy is to provide guidelines for the provision and delivery of homework from Foundation (F) – Year 6 ensuring that all students, teaching staff and parents have a common understanding of what is required.

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School Statement

Homework at Brandon Park Primary School is an optional activity. Its purpose, if chosen to complete, is to:

- Assist in the development of organisational skills and time management skills;
- Develop a shared responsibility for student learning between student, parent/carer and school;
- Take into account the need to balance demands between school life, home life and recreational demands;
- Homework will be presented in such a way that students can complete tasks independently;
- Ensure a consistent approach between classes in the same level in accordance with the policy implementation statement;
- Reinforce concepts taught in class in a meaningful and relevant manner and is not used to introduce new or less familiar concepts;
- Encourage students to complete tasks to a high standard and to the best of their individual ability;
- Include reading for the purpose of enjoyment and as a practice for ongoing improvement;
- Homework may include a range of activities/tasks to develop and/or reinforce a range of skills;
- Homework may include a range of activities including practical, applied and written tasks, as well as computer research projects to develop and/or reinforce a range of skills; and
- Homework may support the achievement of learning goals.

Action: School's Responsibilities include:	
1	• At the beginning of each year, the Homework Policy will be made available on the school's website;
2	• Homework will be set with each child's need and ability being considered, and teachers will monitor the work to ensure homework tasks are manageable for all students;
3	• Teachers will give students enough time to complete tasks and take into consideration home obligations and extracurricular activities;
4	Teachers will monitor and provide feedback on homework tasks;
5	• Follow up with parents if a student regularly fails to complete homework; AND

6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that Year 5/6 school students use homework diaries to provide a regular communication between parents and the school.
	Time Guidelines – Across the whole school, homework will:
7	Enable the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials;
8	Mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings or Include daily independent reading;
9	Not exceed 30 minutes a day or be set on weekends or during holidays.
10	Extend class work, projects and assignments
11	Include reading, written work, integrated Studies activities and maths, and may include hands on practical tasks such as problem solving;
12	Real life use of Maths through cooking, travelling (use of directions, maps, time, time zones) and other measurement activities.
	Parent and Carers Responsibility include:
13	Taking an interest in their child’s homework requirements;
14	Assisting their child/children in developing their time management and organisational skills by providing the appropriate conditions to complete homework tasks;
15	Providing an environment supportive to the completion of homework tasks which includes minimising distractions such as televisions, games and electronic devices;
16	Discussing with their child/children the learning which is being reinforced through homework tasks, such as, the maths involved in cooking activities;
17	Sharing the expectation that tasks are completed to a high standard and within the given timeframe; and
18	Ensuring that if their child/children is experiencing difficulty in completing their homework tasks, the class teacher is contacted immediately
	Student Responsibility include:
19	Ensuring that homework is completed on time and to their best ability; Being aware of the requirements and, with initial guidance, developing a routine to accommodate homework expectations for the year level; and
20	Discussing with their parents and/or teacher if any problems arise concerning their homework.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in December 2018 and is scheduled for review in 2020.