

HOMWORK POLICY

Rationale

The purpose of homework, like schoolwork, is learning. Homework is important for all students as it helps them build on what is learned in the classroom and prepares them for the next stage in their learning.

Homework supports the schoolwork in the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes. Homework also helps students develop time management skills. Research carried out in Australia and overseas shows a clear link between the time spent by students on out-of-class study and student achievement.

Homework helps bridge the gap between home and school and should be seen by teachers, students, parents and carers as a vital part of the home-school partnership which supports young people while they learn.

Policy Statement

Student homework at Banora Point Primary School will be:

- appropriate for each student's age and ability
- relevant to each student's needs
- purposeful and designed to meet specific learning goals
- varied and challenging, but achievable
- built on knowledge, skills and understanding developed in class
- clearly stated and requirements made explicit during class time
- supported by teacher strategies for students having difficulties with homework
- take into account students' access to resources and technology beyond school
- consider students' outside of school hours commitments
- provide some flexibility and options to allow for different student circumstances.

Implementation

The Principal is responsible for:

- developing the Homework Policy in consultation with the community
- communicating the Homework policy to staff, students, parents/caregivers
- monitoring and supporting teachers in the implementation of the Homework policy.

Teachers are responsible for:

- implementing the Homework policy
- communicating the purpose, benefits and expectations of homework to students and parents and carers
- acknowledging student effort in completing homework and provide timely and relevant feedback on achievement
- ensuring resources and materials are easily accessible for students
- supporting students having difficulties with homework through further explanation or modification of activities/expectations
- discussing with students and parents/caregivers any developing issues regarding a student's homework
- discussing homework practices with colleagues.

Parents and Carers are responsible for:

- reading and understanding the homework policy and expectations
- supervising their children's completion of homework
- discussing with their child's teacher any issues regarding a student's homework.

Students are responsible for:

- completing homework with care and effort
- giving completed homework to the teacher on the due date
- asking the teacher for assistance if needed before the due date.

Early Stage One - Should not exceed **15 minutes** a session. Students may require assistance with homework tasks and supervision is encouraged.

Activities may include:

- Reading
- Practise saying and writing high frequency words / camera words
- Preparing news topics

Stage 1 - Should not exceed **20 minutes** a session. Students may require assistance with homework tasks and supervision is encouraged.

Activities may include:

- Reading
- Practise saying and writing high frequency words / camera words
- Preparing speeches

Stage 2 - Should not exceed **30 minutes** a session. Students are expected to develop a sense of responsibility and an ability to plan their weekly activities effectively.

Activities may include:

- Reading
- Mathematics
- Research
- Preparing speeches

Stage 3 - Should not exceed **40 minutes** a session. Students are expected to develop a sense of responsibility and an ability to plan their weekly activities effectively.

Activities may include:

- Reading
- Mathematics
- Research
- Preparing speeches

Informing and Reporting

Students and parents and carers are responsible for the completion of homework. Parents and carers are to notify the class teacher by letter if their child is unable to complete set homework tasks. Class teachers are to inform parents and carers if they have any homework concerns.

A copy of the Homework Policy will be given to all Kindergarten students when they commence school. A copy of the Homework Policy will be available on the school website.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The Homework Policy is monitored by the school leadership team. Feedback from staff, students and parents will be discussed at stage, parent and executive meetings as issues arise. The policy will be reviewed by school staff biannually for updating.