

Wooragee Primary School

Homework Policy 2015

Rationale:

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits, providing an opportunity for students to consolidate, and be responsible for, their own learning and to enhance the link between learning at home and school.

Aims:

- To support, consolidate and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a sense of student responsibility for self-learning.
- To enhance the home and school relationship.

Implementation:

- The Homework Policy will be distributed to parents via the Parent Information Book at the commencement of each school year and as required.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities will be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended.
- Each set task will be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- Homework activities will be regularly assessed and feedback and support provided.
- Students will be assisted to develop organisational and time management skills in completing homework.
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.
- Parents/Carers should contact their child's teacher if there are any concerns regarding homework.
- It is inappropriate for parents/carers/older siblings to do their child's homework for them.

Early Years (Prep – Year 4)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents.
- Learning high frequency words and spelling words.
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- Gathering of additional information or materials.
- Athletics and Reading Eggs activities if internet access is available.
(each child has their own log in and password)
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Middle Years (Years 5 – 6)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis.
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research.
- Spelling, real life Math concepts and times tables.
- Athletics and Reading Eggs activities if internet access is available.
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Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day for Years Prep – Year 4 and 30-60 minutes for Years 5 & 6 and generally will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods. Ample time will be allocated to complete homework tasks taking into consideration after school activities of children.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Ratified: 29.8.2015. Due for review: 2018