



## Homework Policy for Parents/Carers

Homework may be given by teachers to students. We encourage all students, where necessary with the assistance of parents, to complete homework regularly and to a high personal standard.

Homework is not compulsory. However, students will have an improved opportunity to grasp new and basic skills and knowledge (eg reading, times tables) if they do complete homework regularly. Completing homework regularly also helps develop good organisational and study skills, which can be beneficial for preparation for secondary school and beyond. This can be extended through the regular use of a diary. Teachers have the option to state in student semester reports a student's homework efforts.

- Each class teacher will inform parents/carers of the homework expectations they have for their class.
- Home reading is the most essential element of homework. Students in the early years of learning will have structured home reading homework. As students progress through primary school it is very important they continue to read each day. Sometimes reading will be out loud and other times silent and independent.
- Homework could include – word lists (eg sight words, camera words, spelling words), basic maths facts, class work to complete, assignments and other academic challenges. Teachers of specific learning areas (eg Indonesian, Music) may also provide homework at times.
- We strongly suggest times tables practice is regularly done. Please speak with your child's teacher to find out about age-appropriate ways to learn the times tables.
- Please ensure your child's homework is returned to class in a timely manner.
- Try to keep homework sessions relaxed, minimising conflict, and enjoyable. Check regularly with your child to see if they do have homework and how they are going with their homework.
- Families that are intending to go on vacation during school terms (and we strongly encourage families to only do this if there is no other choice) and would like to have some school work for their child/ren to do during this time, please note:
  1. For teachers to provide work they need to be given reasonable preparation time.
  2. Usually the work will focus on reading, basic maths facts, mental maths book work, spelling lists, keeping a journal/diary. It is expected the work will be returned to class when the child returns to school.
  3. For further ideas on providing suitable work whilst on longer holidays – go to [www.education.wa.edu.au](http://www.education.wa.edu.au) and click on [Learning at home](#)
- There are many 'everyday life' activities families already are involved in that provide very beneficial opportunities for students to learn eg board games, cooking, hobbies, gardening, watching nature documentaries, banking, using maps, card games.
- If you need advice on any aspect of homework please see your child's teacher.