

Overport Primary School

HOMEWORK

POLICY

Rationale:

- Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits, time management and a responsibility for self-learning.

Implementation:

- The school’s homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child’s skill level and age.
- Homework tasks will primarily be *reading, spelling and mathematics* activities, along with social activities as suggested or recommended by classroom teachers.
- Additional homework tasks such as project work may be completed by students, but only if they choose to do so.
- Homework activities should provide opportunity for independent investigations, where appropriate, to consolidate and expand current learning.
- Tasks must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- All homework activities will be acknowledged with appropriate feedback; support will be provided by teachers and/or parents.
- Homework activities must be accessible to all students regardless of resources and home environments.
- The school recommends parents to engage with their children and provide an appropriate study space for their children to complete their homework.

**The following table can be used as a suggested guide to the amount of time spent on homework.
Homework should not grossly exceed these recommended times.**

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| <p>Prep 10 minutes per night OR Up to 40 mins per week <i>Reading for consolidation and enjoyment on a daily basis.</i></p> | <p>Yr 1 and 2 10-15 minutes per night OR Up to 1 hour per week <i>Reading for consolidation and enjoyment on a daily basis.</i></p> |
| <p>Yr 3 and 4 20 minutes per night OR Up to 1-1 ½ hours per week <i>Reading for consolidation and enjoyment on a daily basis.</i></p> | <p>Yr 5 and 6 Up to 30 minutes per night OR 1-2 hours per week <i>Reading for consolidation and enjoyment on a daily basis.</i></p> |

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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