

OVERPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY



PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Overport Primary School's policy requirements relating to homework.

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Overport Primary School.

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers.

DEFINITIONS

Homework is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Homework tasks will primarily be *reading, spelling/word lists and mathematics* activities such as times tables and counting, along with social activities as suggested or recommended by classroom teachers.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Additional homework tasks such as project work may be completed by students, but only if they choose to do so.
- Tasks will 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.**

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

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Overport Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

Responsibilities for **parents/carers** are:

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- making connections to previous learning for the child
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on 19 June 2023 and is scheduled for review in June 2025.