

Northcote 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.
- By the time the students are in years 5 & 6, homework tasks are designed to assist students to develop the skills of time management and perseverance in readiness for secondary school.

Aims:

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

Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- All students will be allocated homework diaries.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- Northcote Primary School homework guidelines comply with the guidelines set out by DE&T.
- Incomplete homework will be dealt with as per the guidelines.

Early Years (Prep – Year 4)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- reading activities to, with and by parents.
 - simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
 - gathering of additional information or materials
- Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day and will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

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
- Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day, must be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload, and may be set during weekends and school vacations.
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

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.... December 2004