



HOMework POLICY

Rationale

Abbotsford Primary School recognises that students have many learning experiences outside of school hours. However, it is also considered important that time should be set aside at home for school initiated homework. Homework can help students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Purpose

- To enhance development of the student's self-discipline and time-management skills;
- To encourage responsibility for the student's own learning;
- To provide opportunities for reinforcement and extension of the classroom programme;
- To challenge and expand the students' thinking and encourage them to use a range of resources and strategies;
- To provide opportunities for parents to share in their child's learning.

Guidelines

- Homework is a shared responsibility between the student, parents, the teacher and the school;
- Homework expectations will be outlined at the initial parent information evening;
- The Homework Policy will be available for viewing on the school's website;
- Homework should be varied, challenging and meaningful, with tasks appropriate to students' learning needs;
- **In Prep to Year 4** homework will:
 - enable the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering extra information or materials in an enjoyable way;
 - mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or older siblings;
 - not exceed 30 minutes per day;
 - will not be set on weekends or during school holiday periods
- **In Years 5 and 6** homework:
 - should include daily independent reading;
 - may include extension of class work, projects and assignments, essays and research;
 - time allocation will range from 30 to 45 minutes a day at Year 5, and 45 to 60 minutes a day at Year 6;
 - will not be set for school holidays
- Teachers should assess homework and provide timely and practical feedback and support;
- Failure by students to complete homework on a regular basis should be followed up with parents;
- Students will not receive disciplinary action from the school for not completing homework.

Evaluation

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in June 2016.