



WALLAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale

Homework benefits students by complimenting classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Homework is an opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education. Parents, in partnership with the school, should encourage their children to establish good homework patterns from early primary school.

Aims

Students benefit from completing homework regularly as it helps them develop organisational and time-management skills, self-discipline, skills in using out-of-school resources and personal responsibility for learning. Year 3-7 students should use diaries which provide a means of regular communication between parents and the school. Homework should be given to students at a regular time and returned at a regular time to support, reinforce and extend classroom learning to develop positive study habits, to develop a responsibility for self-learning and preparation for secondary school.

Implementation

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- All students in Years 3-7 will be allocated homework diaries.
- Classroom teachers will set weekly homework appropriate to each child's skill level.
- 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.

Junior Years R-2

In the Junior Years (Reception to Year 2), homework should not be seen as a chore.

Homework will:

- Enable the extension of class work by practicing skills or gathering extra information or materials.

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents;
- Reinforcement and revision of spelling, writing and number facts;
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities;
- Gathering of additional information or materials.

Homework will generally not exceed 15 minutes per day and will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

Homework for Years 3-7 should include:

- Daily independent reading;
- Reinforcement and revision of spelling, writing and number facts;
- Extension of class work including projects and assignments, essays and research.

It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

This will generally be no more than 30 minutes for Years 3 to 7, four times a week and must be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload. It may be set during weekends and school vacations.

Evaluation

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