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## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

### **Background**

As part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum, homework is seen as one way of supporting and fostering life-long learning and connecting families with the learning of their children.

This policy provides information about fostering good life-long learning and study habits, the importance of administering level-appropriate homework to students, and the different types of homework that may be undertaken at Wonga Park Primary School.

### **Purpose**

Taking responsibility for one's own learning patterns is an important aspect of school life. Homework encourages responsibility and allows further avenues for children to discuss school activities with parents.

### **Guidelines**

- The class teacher should not always view homework as a specific task as set. Child initiated or self-interest tasks are to be considered as relevant homework.
- Homework routines and time management should be discussed with the children by staff.
- Homework expectations require consideration during parent information evenings.
- Homework may be used to develop leisure time activities.
- Homework may include take-home reading material, or completion of projects, reinforcement activities, problem solving, challenge tasks or unfinished tasks.
- Children should be given a timeline in which to complete specific homework tasks. Research tasks require regular monitoring to ensure that children are on task.
- Staff members need to use discretion with regard to the setting of homework. By year six, suggested maximum is 2.5 hours in any one week.
- Staff should respond to homework with appropriate comments or action.
- Activities may lead children to discover and use community-based resources.
- The standard of homework should be equal to that required at school.
- Homework should be seen as a means of stimulating parental involvement with the school and the child by the sharing of knowledge and by discussion.

### **Evaluation**

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

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