



Homework policy

At Redwood Park Primary School, we believe in a holistic approach to education, recognising that learning happens both at school and at home. Strong partnerships between the school, families, and the community provide students with meaningful experiences that foster real learning. We deeply appreciate the important role parents and caregivers play in supporting their child's education alongside us. This support can take many forms, including helping with school-assigned homework.

We also value the importance of a balanced lifestyle for our students, which includes ample time for play, rest, family activities, recreation, and cultural experiences. Our view is that homework should not interfere with family time or create stress for students or their parents/caregivers

POLICY DETAILS

Our policy aims to provide homework to meet the current needs of learners which may include tasks to support the development of lifelong learning skills. Students will be provided with a range of activities including home activities, physical activity and development of academic skills. Homework will support students to plan and develop time management and organisational skills.

A GUIDE TO HOMEWORK TIMES AND TASKS:

The following are guidelines as to how much and how often homework will be set. It is important to understand that students may take varying times to complete tasks; therefore, the times below are an overall guide. As a school, we are mindful around the development of the whole child and therefore homework may include an activity that is family-based.

As a general rule, homework will not be set on Fridays. However, there may be some project-type work set in primary years that may require time management of work over a set period of time.

Junior Primary (Reception – Yr 2)

Mon – Thurs:

Up to 10 mins a night. (3 times per week)

Primary (Years 3-6)

Mon-Thurs:

Yr 3/4 – 20 mins per night

Yr 4/5/6 – 25 - 30 mins per night

(noting that year 7 students at Banksia Park International High School are expected to do 90 minutes per day of homework)

Tasks may include:

- Reading aloud
- Practising sight words/sound and letter names
- Number fact practice
- Presentation preparation (show & tell, oral presentation)
- Reinforcing skills taught in class
- Extending knowledge, skills & concepts taught in class
- Projects/assignments
- Contract-type work set over the week
- Finding resources

Children's education is most effective when teachers and parents/caregivers work in partnership. Our homework policy reflects this philosophy with a view to achieving the best outcomes for our students, in line with their current developmental needs.

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