



JERRABOMBERRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY

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RATIONALE

Homework enhances and reinforces the learning and development of students. It helps to bridge the gap between home and school. Teachers, students, parents and care givers should see it as part of the home-school partnership, which supports young people while they learn. This policy establishes a consistent approach to homework K-6 as homework is requested by many parents and encouraged by the DET.

AIMS

- To support students in the development of skills, knowledge and concepts according to their own stage of development.
- To provide activities designed to enrich, extend and/or reinforce concepts learned at school.
- To provide an opportunity for parents to become involved in their children's education, to be informed as to the curriculum content being covered at school, and to have an indication of the level at which their children are achieving.
- To establish regular patterns of homework and develop constructive working habits in each student including the development of flexibility and planning to suit personal needs.
- To prepare students for high school expectations and to encourage personal responsibility for one's own learning.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Homework is **mandatory** i.e. teachers are required to provide homework for students. It will usually be given out on Monday and collected on Friday. However, parents have the right to request that their child be excused from completing homework. This is a personal decision based on what is most beneficial for the child and takes into account other commitments within the family.
- The amount of homework will vary according to age and learning needs. Particular emphasis should be placed on English, Mathematics and regular Home Reading.
- Suggested time allocation per night (Monday to Thursday) is:
Infants 5 – 15 minutes Junior Primary – up to 30 minutes Senior Primary – up to 60 minutes
- At the beginning of the school year, each teacher will inform the parents of their class about the particular homework requirements and expectations of the class, in line with the school policy.
- Where homework is not regularly completed, the teacher should consult with the parents in case further assistance is necessary.

NB: HOMEWORK SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A DISCIPLINARY MEASURE.

EVALUATION

Teachers should keep a record of returned homework for reporting purposes. In consultation with all concerned, the homework policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure that it is being used to enhance student learning and create improved home-school partnerships.

Memorandum: DET Homework Policy August, 2000.

HOMEWORK RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the teacher to:

- Assign homework on a regular basis
- Review/mark the homework of each child and provide feedback
- To have a purpose for homework i.e. it is related to school work
- To clearly indicate what is to be done
- Explain/ provide extra help where needed
- Assist each child to learn and progress in an acceptable way
- Ensure that homework can be managed independently by students
- Follow up on work not done regularly
- Assist students to develop a positive attitude to homework
- Encourage the completion of quality work
- Encourage and monitor regular Home Reading

It is the responsibility of the parent/care giver to:

- Make sure homework is done
- Show an interest and provide encouragement and assistance where necessary
- Check homework is completed neatly and to the best of the child's ability
- Follow up problem areas with teachers
- Help children acquire good study habits by providing a routine/quiet work area for them
- Not to do child's homework for them as it sends incorrect competency standards to teachers
- Assist children to develop a positive attitude to homework
- Sign homework each week
- Listen to student read as often as possible or read to student if applicable

It is the responsibility of the student to:

- Do their work without being reminded every night
- Bring their homework to school each week
- Do their best with pride and a sense of personal achievement
- Do a "fair" amount in the time provided
- Complete work honestly and independently
- Complete work neatly, properly and on time
- Show work/ reading log/ books to parents for signature
- Seek help from their teachers when necessary
- Listen to instructions given by the teacher for completion of homework
- Take the correct books home
- Develop a positive attitude to homework

HOMEWORK AGREEMENT – I have sighted and read this document:		
Teacher's Signature	Student's Signature	Parents Signature
Date:	Date:	Date: