Parramatta North Public School
Homework Policy

Developed by the Teaching Staff 2011.

NB: This policy is written in compliance with the NSW Department of Education & Communities Homework Policy.

Policy Statement

Homework reaffirms the role of parents and caregivers as partners in education and is a valuable part of schooling.

Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and provides parents and caregivers with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their children.

Implementation

The amount of homework will vary according to age and learning needs. Homework will reflect the current teaching focus of the class and will be presented in a grid format. Homework is to be explained prior to being distributed. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be expected to complete homework activities each week. Where homework is regularly not completed, a note will be sent home to inform parents/carers.

TIME GUIDELINES

EARLY STAGE 1 (Kindergarten): No formal time limit is set in Kindergarten. Parents may wish to revise concepts learnt in class. Students should complete Home Reading nightly.

STAGE 1 (Years 1 and 2): approximately 10 to 20 minutes each night (ie. 50 - 100 mins each week). Students should also complete Home Reading nightly.

STAGE 2 AND 3 (Years 3 - 6): approximately 20 to 30 minutes each night (ie. 100 - 150 mins each week). Students should also complete Home Reading nightly.

NOTE: These times provide a guide as to the amount of Homework set and provide an average across the week

Homework requirements are notified to parents each year, generally at the Parent/Teacher meeting as to the class teacher's requirements for the completion of homework.

Homework is given out weekly to take into account students home responsibilities and extracurricular activities such as clubs and sports during the week.

Formal homework will not be provided for students exempt from attendance. They will be encouraged to write a journal and continue their daily reading.

Staff should not recommend particular text books as this is a breach of the Code of Conduct.
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Policies & procedures

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This policy statement sets out requirements for schools in relation to the development of homework policies. The implementation section includes purposes and principles, main types of homework and expectations for parents and caregivers, teachers and students.

1. Objectives - Policy statement
1.1 Schools, in consultation with their communities, are required to develop a school homework policy relevant to the needs of their students.
1.2 School homework policies must be communicated to staff, students, parents and caregivers, particularly at the time of student enrolment.
1.3 Homework will be educationally beneficial and will meet the realistic expectations of students, teachers, parents and caregivers.

2. Audience and applicability
2.1 Schools; parents/guardians/caregivers

3. Context
3.1 Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Additionally, it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline.

3.2 Document history and details

4. Responsibilities and delegations
4.1 Principal
4.1.1 The principal is responsible for developing and implementing a school homework policy.

5. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements
5.1 Manager Planning and Coordination will monitor the implementation of this policy and will report, as required, to the Director Curriculum K – 12.

6. Contact
Manager Planning and Coordination (02) 9886 7753

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