

YARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY

CHANGE HISTORY

| Version | Issued | Key Changes | Review |
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| 2.0 | 2019 | This policy will be reviewed as part of the school review cycle | 2021 |

RATIONALE

Yarra Primary School's Homework Policy ensures that there is a consistent approach across the school in promoting practise of concepts of students learning.

Homework can be beneficial to primary school students in a number of ways, it can:

- Assist students in developing sound study habits, responsibility and self-discipline
- Foster understanding and communication between home and school
- Stimulate parental/home involvement in student's education by the sharing of knowledge and discussion
- Reinforce and support the student's learning.

POLICY STATEMENT

Yarra Primary School agrees that homework should be a balance between healthy and active home lives and the need to form sound independent study.

IMPLEMENTATION

It is the school's view that homework should be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum and grade, and should be designed to continue the concepts and approaches taught in the classroom. It should not involve new learning or require the parent to introduce new concepts or lessons.

The School encourages communication between the student (and their family) and their teacher to discuss any issues relating to homework. The level of parent involvement depends on the student's age and grade.

In addition to regular reading, teachers may assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks as long as it is not excessively adding to the overall load. At all grade levels, teachers may offer OPTIONAL additional challenges, which may be interest-based or relate to class work.

FOUNDATION YEAR

- Level of parent involvement expected: high
- Will generally not exceed: 1-2 hours over the course of an entire week.

Preferred homework will comprise:

- Daily reading by, with, or to your child
- Literacy and numeracy activities or games, such as counting tasks, help in making lists, practising sight words.

YEARS 1-2

- Level of parent involvement expected: high
- Will generally not exceed: 2 hours over the course of a week.

Preferred homework will comprise:

- Daily reading by, with, or to your child
- Literacy, spelling and numeracy activities or games, counting tasks, help in making lists, practising sight words.

YEARS 3-4

- Level of parent involvement expected: moderate
- Will generally not exceed: 2 hours over the course of a week.

Preferred homework will comprise:

- Daily reading by, with, or to your child (at least 20 minutes)
- Homework may include practice exercises and extension assignments in specific areas such as maths, spelling and writing.

YEARS 5-6

- Level of parent involvement expected: low
- Will generally range from: 2 to 2.5 hours over the course of a week

Preferred homework will comprise:

- Daily reading (at least 20 minutes)
- Homework may include practice exercises, and extension assignments linked to Inquiry Units.

Parents are asked to:

- Ensure that time is set aside for reading, ideally daily
- Ensure that time is set aside each week for other homework tasks
- Provide support, encourage independence, and increasing levels of responsibility for homework tasks
- Discuss with the teacher if they find that homework is placing excessive stress and strain on their child or family life
- Discuss with the teacher if they believe their child needs further individualised homework.

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle, and/or if guidelines change. The following will be considered when evaluating this policy:

- Students', teachers' and parents' perspective on homework practice
- The most recent parent opinion survey and student opinion survey.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Related Yarra Primary School Policies

- Curriculum and Student Learning Policy
- Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
- [Attendance Policy](#)

DET Resources

[Homework Expectations](#)

[Homework Guidelines](#)

[DET homework guidelines for descriptions and examples of each type](#)