



Homework

POLICY

Rationale

At Cardinia Primary School, we acknowledge that the time children spend with their families and their involvement in out of hours activities are important to a child's development. We also believe that homework can support student learning and can benefit students by consolidating new concepts learnt in class, developing their time management and organisational skills and providing a link between parents, students and teachers.

Aim

- To outline Cardinia Primary School's expectations for homework and at-home learning to students, parents/carers and school staff.

Scope

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting homework.

Implementation

- Homework should be tailored and adapted to suit the personal and developmental needs of all students.
- Homework should reflect what is happening in the classroom and build on students' learning.
- Homework may comprise reading, practice exercises or extension assignments.
- Teachers will clearly nominate to students and parents/carers when homework tasks will be due.
- Cardinia Primary School will support students by:
 - * connecting families with the learning of their children;
 - * ensuring the school's Homework Policy is relevant to the needs of students;
 - * advising parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of each school year; and
 - * encouraging parents/carers of early primary school aged children to read to, and with, their children for enjoyment.
- Teachers at Cardinia Primary School will support students by:
 - * setting varied, challenging and meaningful tasks related to class work to suit the students' learning needs;
 - * giving students enough time to complete homework, considering home obligations and extra-curricular activities;
 - * assessing homework and providing timely and practical feedback and support; and
 - * helping students develop organisational and time-management skills.
- It is expected that students will take responsibility for their own learning by:
 - * discussing with their parents/carers homework expectations;

- * accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames;
 - * seeking assistance when difficulties arise; and
 - * organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports and recreational activities.
- It is expected that parents/carers will support their children by:
 - * developing a positive and productive approach to homework;
 - * ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational activities;
 - * reading to them, talking with them and involving them in learning opportunities during everyday household routines and physical activity; and
 - * talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework.

While parents/carers are encouraged to take an interest in their child's homework and support them when necessary, it is important not to complete the homework for them.

Prep to Grade 4

- In the early year levels, the objective of homework will be to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been introduced during class time. Later on, it is also intended to introduce the concepts of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare them for upper year levels.
- Assigned homework tasks will build on concepts explored in the classroom and encourage students to use their initiative by gathering additional information or materials.
- Homework will consist mainly of daily reading to, with, or by parents/carers or older siblings.
- Students are generally not expected to complete more than 30 minutes of homework per day and no homework tasks (other than reading) will be assigned during the holidays.

Grade 5 & Grade 6

- In the upper year levels, the objective of homework is to build on the concepts of self-discipline, responsibility and initiative to prepare students for secondary school.
- Assigned homework tasks will include daily independent reading and may include extension assignments, class work, essays and research.
- Students are generally not expected to spend more than 45 minutes per day on homework and no homework tasks (other than reading) will be assigned during the holidays.

References

- School Policy and Advisory Guide
 - * Homework
 - * Homework Guidelines
 - * Homework Expectations

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed every four (4) years or as deemed necessary.

Ratified

As this is an operational policy it is not required to be ratified by School Council.