

WAGGA WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY



RATIONALE:

Homework is given to reinforce and complement school based learning.

AIMS:

- To establish a consistent approach to homework K - 6.
- To develop home study skills and habits.
- To give parents a guide to what is happening at school.

SCHOOL POLICY

- ☞ Homework should be purposeful and consist of either:
 - (A) Revision and consolidation of work done at school.
 - OR
 - (B) Extension and/or enrichment
- ☞ Homework should foster the development of good learning practices by developing regular habits of study and the encouragement of personal responsibility for learning. While it is the parents responsibility to encourage and support the child in these areas, the parent is not responsible for their child's homework.
- ☞ Homework should not have an adverse effect on the student's motivation or learning. It should not be related to discipline or punishment.
- ☞ Homework demonstrates the educational partnership between parents and teachers. It is the responsibility of the teacher to set appropriate homework, to monitor the outcomes of this home work, and to support and advise parents about the result of home work.
- ☞ New concepts should not be introduced via homework. It will be based on work done in class.
- ☞ Homework will be mainly informal in the Infant's years and become more formal as the child progresses through school. However the amount and regularity will vary from time to time in keeping with the particular needs and requirements of students as determined by the class teacher.

- 👉 Individual teachers have different expectations about homework for their class. These expectations will be clearly communicated to parents. The following is the maximum amount of homework that can be expected.

Year 5 & 6	Up to 45 minutes, 4 times a week
Year 3 & 4	Up to 30 minutes, 4 times a week
Year 1 & 2	Up to 15 minutes, 3 times a week
Kindergarten	Small amounts of informal activities

- 👉 Homework cannot be compulsory but all children will be encouraged to complete it.
- 👉 Home Reading may be part of set homework.

RESOURCES

When setting homework teachers must consider the availability of resources to the child. Library resources may be stretched if a whole class needs them.

EVALUATION

Homework returned complete, will be recorded by the teacher. Teachers will regularly evaluate the practice in the own classrooms and modify the content, amount or practices/routines if necessary.