

Homework

BELL PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY

Rationale:

- The Homework Policy supports a structure for students to practice concepts taught at school by setting tasks and providing appropriate feedback. It also provides students with an opportunity to investigate and research their own interests which they can present to their classes in a range of mediums.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom/home relationships
- To encourage positive study habits including time management
- To involve parents in their children's education
- To transfer and extend learning from school to real life experiences
- To value student's efforts to complete set tasks independently at home

Implementation:

- The Homework Policy will be distributed and discussed with parents/ caregivers at the commencement of each school year at the relevant information evening and will include a detailed explanation of the range of relevant tasks (see below).
- A copy of the homework policy will be pasted into the front of the student's homework book
- Homework tasks will reflect classroom learning
- Homework tasks will clearly identify the required standard and expectation, this may include a rubric setting out what is required
- All homework activities will be assessed and constructive feedback provided to students

Homework will consist of a range of relevant tasks that relate to parts of the following:

- Daily reading activities to, with and by parents/ caregivers. Listening to children read and/or a discussion about the reading
- Practice of number facts including counting, times tables and practical use of number in the home, for example measuring or telling the time.
- Tasks based on the Ian Lillico Homework Matrix
- Continuation or completion of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- Tasks outlined in Individual Learning Plans for specific students

Duration:

Homework will generally not be set on week ends or during vacation periods.

A suggested guide for time allocated for homework per day:

Preps 5 - 10 mins, Grade 1/2 - 20 mins, Grades 3 - 6 20 - 30 mins

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three -year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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