HOMEWORK POLICY

PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Reservoir Primary School's policy requirements relating to homework.

SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Reservoir Primary School.

RATIONALE

Reservoir Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to revise and reinforce skills learnt in the classroom
- encouraging and developing organisational skills
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/caregivers

DEFINITIONS

Homework is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

POLICY

At Reservoir Primary School all homework set by teachers will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned
- appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- monitored by the teacher
- where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.

The types of homework that teachers at Reservoir Primary School will include are:

Prep to Year 2

In the early years, the objective of homework should be to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been introduced during class time.

Homework will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, or by parents/carer or older siblings. The objective of reading at home is to share a joy of reading, encourage a wide vocabulary, and expand knowledge on a range of topics and experiences.

Year 3 to Year 6

The purpose of homework in the Middle and Upper Years of Primary School is to encourage a joy of reading, both with a family member and independently. It is also to consolidate key learning from literacy and numeracy instruction.

Assigned homework tasks will include daily independent reading and weekly numeracy tasks. It may also include some spelling, handwriting/typing tasks.

At times we may encourage students to complete research, artwork or design for a specific project.

SHARED EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

Responsibilities and expectations for **leaders at** Reservoir Primary School are to:

- advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy.

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at** Reservoir Primary School are to:

- set homework that is curriculum-aligned and differentiated to the student's skill level
- make reasonable adjustments for students with a disability
- ensure homework tasks are purposeful – this means they are deliberately designed and planned to support student learning
- provide timely and practical feedback
- ensure the amount of homework set supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school hours
- offer opportunities for families to engage in their child's learning.

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise

Responsibilities and expectations for **parents/carers** are:

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- communicating with teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home
- in dialogue, linking homework to:
    - previous experiences the child and/or parent/carer may have had
    - family culture(s), history(ies) and language(s)
    - relevant services, clubs, associations and community.
- ensuring there is a quiet space for their child to complete homework.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Reservoir Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Homework – Department Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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