

Lakelands Primary School

Homework Policy



Principles of Homework

Homework should take into account the needs of students, their phase of learning and must adhere to the following principles.

Homework should;

1. Support the development of the student's independence as a learner.
2. Further develop the partnership between school and home.
3. Avoid reliance on unreasonable levels of parental assistance or resources that are not available to students.
4. Be balanced across learning areas so as to avoid stress and overload.
5. Be monitored and reviewed at various times during the year.
6. Should always be marked and/or acknowledged by the teacher.
7. Be disassociated from any form of punishing students or means of securing discipline.

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At Lakelands Primary School homework is managed in accordance with the following directions which have been endorsed by the School Board.

1. Homework is not a policy requirement for primary age students and as such, it is given at the discretion of the teacher and should be negotiated with parents.
2. Homework must be consistent with the Australian Curriculum and relevant areas of the Curriculum Framework and relate directly to the current learning and teaching programs in the child's classroom. It should not be a forum to introduce new concepts.
3. Homework in Years P- 1 classes should focus on home reading programs and not exceed 10 minutes per night. (Monday to Thursday)
4. Homework in Years 2-6 should include regular reading and consolidation of work covered in class. It is recommended to not exceed 20 minutes per night. (Monday to Thursday)
5. Students in Years 5 & 6 may be assigned research projects but these should not require greater than 1 hour of extra time each week. Teachers must ensure adequate resources to support students in their research task.
6. An effective homework program can also include every-day tasks such as cooking (measuring and reading recipes), daily chores (washing dishes, making the bed) or even board-games.
7. Parents should be encouraged to follow suggestions from the Education Department's "Schools and You" document, which give great ideas. A link can be found on our website under the "Classrooms" tab and the "Resources" link.

NOTE:

- Teachers will not set homework for mid-term family holidays. Parents should ensure their children read regularly and keep a journal when taking family holidays during the school term.