



Homework Policy

Rationale:

At Kerang South, we are committed to a homework regime that consolidates concepts learnt in class and is essential to our students' future learning. Homework helps students learn by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning. It establishes sound routines that are necessary for life-long learning and develops self-discipline and concentration by allowing students to take control of their own learning. Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for the practising, extending and consolidating of work done in class. It provides opportunities for students to develop effective time management and organisational skills.

Homework serves to strengthen the partnership between home and school. It provides parents and guardians with insights as to what is being taught at school. It needs to be balanced with family, social and extracurricular activities. The DET recommendation is approximately 30 minutes per night for Grades P-4 and 30-45 minutes per night for Grades 5-6. If any parent has a concern about the amount of time their child is spending each night doing homework, they should make an appointment with the classroom teacher to discuss the matter. This policy and class homework routines have been adjusted in response to parent feedback in the K.S.P.S. Homework Survey sent home in Semester 1, 2015.

Guidelines:

- Parents and students will be advised of homework expectations at the start of the year.
- All homework tasks will be at a level that is appropriate for each individual student.
- All students in P-6 are expected to complete set homework tasks regularly and on time.
- There is an expectation that teachers will regularly check off and correct homework each week.
- Parents are encouraged to set up a homework routine at home which includes a suitable space to complete work.
- Homework needs to be signed by a parent or guardian.
- Students who regularly complete and hand in homework on time will be rewarded with Treat-of-the-Term in Grades 3-6. It is an earned treat which gives students a feeling of satisfaction and pride for finishing work on time.
- Students who fail to complete homework will be expected to complete it at a time that is set by the teacher.
- Homework Club is open 3 lunch times per week from 1:30 – 2:00 pm. It is an opportunity for students to finish or get ahead with their work in a quiet, supervised environment. It is not a teaching session but teachers have volunteered their time to provide this extra working time if students need to complete set tasks. Students may attend voluntarily. This is another way students can be responsible for managing their learning time.
- If homework tasks are incomplete, a note will be placed in students' diaries, on their work or a purple homework slip will be sent home.
- Parent homework surveys will be sent home every even year to gather feedback which may lead to modifications to ensure that homework expectations remain realistic and complement class work.
- Parents are encouraged to keep in contact with their child's classroom teacher to ensure that homework tasks are at the right level for their child and not taking excessive amounts of time.

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