



Homework Policy

Background

- Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Research proves an appropriate amount of purposeful homework with feedback makes a positive difference to student learning outcomes. Homework should be completed by students, not by parents/guardians.
- School Councils are responsible for developing and publishing a homework policy in partnership with the Principal and teachers and after consulting with parents and students. The school-level homework policy should be consistent with DET Homework Guidelines.
- Homework should be:
 - appropriate to the student's skill level and age
 - purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
 - interesting, challenging and when appropriate open ended
 - assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided
- balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities

Purpose

- To improve student learning outcomes.
- To ensure that Werribee Primary School complies with DET policy and guidelines.
- To ensure that the school sets homework that supports educational requirements.

Implementation

- All families will be advised of our homework expectations at the beginning of the year.
- The school will provide parents with a copy of the school's homework policy.
- The school will follow up with parents if a student regularly fails to complete homework.
- The school will work with parents/guardians to establish good homework patterns from Foundation.
- Year 5 – 6 students will complete homework diaries to enhance communication between school and home. Diaries may be electronic.
- Parents and teachers will be expected to check and sign student diaries on a weekly basis.
- In accordance with successful practice,
 - in Foundation – Year 2, homework should consist largely of reading to, with or by parents or siblings;
 - in Years 3 – 6, homework should include independent reading and may extend class work and classroom projects including Spelling, Writing and Mathematics.
- Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day in Foundation – Year 4, 45 minutes in Years 5 – 6 or be set during weekends or vacations.
- Parents can help by:
 - encouraging a regular daily time to examine and complete homework;
 - discussing key questions or suggest resources to help with homework;
 - asking how homework and class work is progressing and acknowledge success;
 - attending school events, productions or displays your child is involved in;
 - talking to teachers to discuss problems with homework;

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle or if guidelines change (latest update early September 2014).

When First Developed/Reviewed - DET School Policy Advisory Guide > A-Z Index: October 2014

This policy was ratified by School Council on 24th March 2015

Reference:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/pages/homework.aspx