



HOMEWORK POLICY

Introduction

Mayfield West Demonstration School's policy was written in consultation with the school community to meet the needs of students. Homework is defined as *any task assigned by teachers for students to meet specific learning goals*.

Quality

Homework needs to:

- be appropriate for the age and ability of students
- provide a purposeful learning experience that reinforces and consolidates class work
- be varied and stimulating, and may include on line learning

Manageability

Homework needs to be manageable for both students and teachers. Requirements need to be clearly communicated to students and allow flexibility and options for different student circumstances.

Communication

The policy will be made known to parents at the time of enrolment. Homework will be fully discussed and explained at class Parent Information Sessions at the beginning of each school year. Parents of students expressing difficulties completing homework should contact the class teacher for assistance and guidance.

Homework for Kindergarten to Year 6 Students

All students should read each night. Formal homework will be given weekly from week 2 to week 9 of each term, except when there are camps or special events. Formal homework will consist of revision of class work from the previous week and may include projects or other assigned tasks as determined by the teacher. Students in K - 2 may require assistance from parents to complete homework and most 3- 6 students will be able to complete homework independently. In week 1 and 10 of each term children may be required to read and carry out activities that do not involve written work.

Responsibilities

The **principal** will communicate the policy to staff, students and parents. Homework should be consistent with the school learning goals. The policy should be reviewed regularly.

Teachers will implement the policy and acknowledge student effort by providing relevant and timely feedback. Students having difficulties with homework will be supported and issues discussed with parents. Teachers may reward students who consistently do their homework through special awards.

Parents should take an active interest in homework and communicate with the class teacher if there are any problems regarding homework. (Please note that children on extended leave will not be given homework. It is suggested that they read daily and keep a diary.)

Students should be aware of the importance of homework and complete and submit the homework within the set time frames.