

Eden Hill Primary School - Homework Policy

Rationale

Every school is to have a documented approach to homework that takes into account the needs of the students and the phase of their development, and reflects the context of the school. It is expected that homework will relate directly to the learning and teaching programs appropriate to the needs of the students. Preparation of students for the time commitment of homework anticipated in years to come is not, in itself, a reasonable basis for setting homework. Homework should be disassociated from any form of punishing students or means of securing discipline.

What constitutes homework?

- Reading
- Sight Words
- Spelling
- Basic Maths Facts
- Teacher directed educational websites such as: Mathletics
- Research
- Revision of content being taught in class

Duration of Homework

At Eden Hill the following guidelines relating to the amount of homework given have been agreed to.

- Pre-Primary - Year 3 up to 15 minutes per night
- Years 4 - 7 up to two hours per week with a maximum of half an hour per night
- Home work should be given Monday to Thursday only
- The expectation is that no homework needs to be completed on Friday evenings or over the weekend.

When homework is not completed

Homework is not compulsory and the school cannot enforce its completion.

Teachers will focus on positive reinforcement of homework completion through some form of classroom recognition or reward system. If a student consistently fails to complete the homework set for them then teachers do have the right to cease providing homework for that student. If a teacher chooses to stop providing homework for a student they need to ensure that the student's parents or caregivers are informed of their intention to do so and that they are given the opportunity to request that homework is provided for their child.

A copy of a letter that could be used by teachers to send home to parents is attached.





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Dear _____

This note is to inform you that your child _____ has consistently failed to complete the homework that has been set for them. The School Homework Policy states "If a student consistently fails to complete the homework set for them then teachers do have the right to cease providing homework for that student."

Homework is designed to revise and reinforce concepts covered in class throughout the week. It is not, however, meant to be an onerous task and ought to take only 15 to 30 minutes each evening from Monday to Thursday, depending on the child's Year level. Class teachers are grateful for parent input in supervising / overseeing its completion.

As your child has consistently failed to complete the set homework I will no longer be providing homework for them. Could you please sign this note and return it to school so that I know you have seen it? If you wish homework to be an ongoing part of your child's routine, please make an appointment to discuss the matter with me.

Yours Sincerely

Parent/Guardian's Signature

