



HOMWORK POLICY

PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Eastwood Primary School's policy requirements relating to homework.

SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring work to be supported from home.

RATIONALE

Eastwood Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the school council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge
- providing opportunities for students to prepare for future lessons
- encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

DEFINITIONS

Homework is tasks for students that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

POLICY

At Eastwood Primary School all work suggested to be completed at home is to be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned
- appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- monitored by the teacher
- where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.

Students at Eastwood Primary School are expected to complete regular reading of set levelled texts at home with parents or to self. At times, students will also be expected to complete other tasks at home. These types of activities may include:

- reading for pleasure
- practising spelling words
- reading and collecting background material for an upcoming class activity
- researching topics associated with set class work

- revising/preparing for tests
- engaging with parents in learning activities such as:
 - rehearsing a presentation with parent/carers, and seeking their feedback
 - interviewing a family member as part of a research project.

SHARED EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

At Eastwood Primary School there are no set minimum expectations for students to complete homework on a regular basis. When students are requested to participate in home based activities related to the classroom the following is to be considered:

Responsibilities and expectations for **leaders at Eastwood Primary School** are to:

- advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy.

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at Eastwood Primary School** are to:

- ensure tasks are appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- ensure tasks are purposeful
- provide timely and practical feedback where required
- offer opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning.

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- accepting responsibility for the completion of tasks within set time frames
- following up on comments made by teachers
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise

Responsibilities and expectations for **parents/carers** are:

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on tasks and recreational, family and cultural activities
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the task
- discussing tasks with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home,
- in dialogue, linking tasks to:
 - previous experiences the child and/or parent/carer may have had
 - family culture(s), history(ies) and language(s)
 - relevant services, clubs, associations and community.
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete tasks.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Eastwood Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Homework – Department Policy](https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/homework/policy) <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/homework/policy>

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last update in March 2021 and is scheduled for review in 2024.