

Homework Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office on (03) 9749 9800

PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Davis Creek 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 homework at Davis Creek Primary School.

RATIONALE

Davis Creek 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
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

DEFINITION

Homework are tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

At Davis Creek Primary School homework is referred to as Home Learning.

POLICY

At Davis Creek Primary School all homework set by teachers will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum and classroom aligned
- 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.

The types of homework that teachers at Davis Creek Primary School will include are:

Prep to Year 4

In the early years, the objective of homework should be to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been introduced during class time. It is also intended to introduce the concepts of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare them for the upper grades.

Assigned homework tasks will build on concepts explored in the classroom and encourage students to use their initiative by gathering additional information or materials.

Homework will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, or by parents/carer or older siblings.

Students are generally not expected to complete more than 30 minutes of homework per day and no homework tasks will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays.

Year 5 to Year 6

In the upper year levels, the objective of homework is to build on the concepts of self-discipline, responsibility and initiative to prepare students for secondary school.

Assigned homework tasks will include daily independent reading and may include additional tasks, class work and research.

Students are generally not expected to spend more than 45 minutes per day on homework and no homework tasks will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays.

SHARED EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

Teachers at Davis Creek Primary School will:

- 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.
- set homework that is curriculum and classroom aligned
- ensure homework tasks are purposeful – this means they are deliberately designed and planned to support student learning.
- monitor homework
- ensure the amount of homework set, supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school hours

It is expected that students will take responsibility for their own learning by:

- discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities.

It is expected that parents/carers will support their children by:

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home,
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Davis Creek 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 homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to contact their classroom teacher via Compass.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training

- Available publicly on our school's website

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

[Homework – Department Policy](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

This policy will be reviewed as part of the two year review cycle or if guidelines change.

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