



Homework Policy

PURPOSE

To outline the Department's and Epping Views Primary School's policy requirements relating to homework.

SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting/monitoring homework at EVPS.

RATIONALE

Epping Views Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Improvement Team to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- Encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually and imaginatively
- Support learning partnerships with parents/carers
- Fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- Providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge and prepare for future lessons

This Homework Policy has been intentionally designed to support students throughout their learning journey, focusing on an introduction to independent exploration and learning in the early years, building independent learning skills in the middle years, and preparing for high school readiness in the upper years.

DEFINITION

Homework - tasks assigned to students by teachers that are completed during non-school hours.

POLICY

At Epping Views Primary School all homework set by teachers will be:

- Designed to help students develop as independent learners
- Appropriate to student's skill level and age
 - as the student progresses they will extend time spent on each task to build stamina
- Designed to recognise student's own contributions to their home/community outside of school

GUIDELINES FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL

Families can determine how many minutes their child/ren complete homework in the week based on their own family commitments. Students are required to log their reading in the journal or format provided by the teacher.

Prep, 1, 2

- Reading every night for a minimum of 10 minutes
- Homework tasks in the [term overview](#) (published each term in newsletter and school website)
- Maths websites [IXL Maths](#)
- Magic and Gemstone Words Reading and Spelling [home program](#)

Year 3 & 4

- Reading every night for a minimum of 15 minutes
- Homework tasks in the [term overview](#) (published each term in newsletter and school website)
- Maths websites [IXL Maths](#)
- Magic and Gemstone Words Reading and Spelling [home program](#)

Year 5 & 6

- Reading every night for a minimum of 20 minutes
- Homework tasks in the [term overview](#) (published each term in newsletter and school website)
- Maths digital learning [Khan Academy](#) (instructional videos) and [IXL Maths](#) (interactive tasks)
- Other student led digital learning options - [Behind The News](#), [Kids News](#)
- Unfinished work e.g. literature circle preparation

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 responsibilities.

Responsibilities and expectations for **leaders**:

- 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**:
- Set homework tasks that are appropriate to students' skill level and age
- Ensure the amount of homework set supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside school hours

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- Being aware of homework policy
- Discussing homework expectations with parents/carers
- Accepting responsibility for completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- Organising their time to manage homework obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities (for the Upper Years)

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

- Ensuring there is a balance between time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- Discussing homework with their children in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Epping Views 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, is spending a lot of time completing their homework or needs adjustments, we encourage them to speak to their child's teacher.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Available publicly on our school's website and to on Compass

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	20 th February 2024
Consultation	Consultation with Teaching Teams. School Improvement Team
Approved by	Principal
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