

HOMEWORK

PHILOSOPHY

Mount Waverley North Primary School believes homework helps students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. We have a focus on balancing homework expectations with the range of recreational, family and cultural activities students may be involved in outside school.

PURPOSE

- To provide parents with the opportunity to participate in their child's education.
- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.

IMPLEMENTATION

In Prep/Junior (Prep to year 2) homework will:

- Mainly consist of daily reading to, with and by parents/care-givers or older siblings.
- Consist of deliberate practise of number facts and spelling/vocabulary.
- Enable the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering extra information or materials.
- Generally not exceed 30 minutes a day.

In Middle (Years 3 and 4) homework will:

- Mainly consist of daily reading to, with and by parents/care-givers or older siblings.
- Consist of deliberate practise of number facts and spelling/vocabulary.
- Enable the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering extra information or materials.
- Generally not exceed 30 minutes a day.

In Senior (Years 5 and 6) homework will:

- Include daily independent reading.
- Consist of deliberate practise of number facts and spelling/vocabulary.
- Include extension of class work and research.
- This will generally range from 30-45 minutes a day.

• Homework will:

- Be appropriate to the student's skill level and age.
- Be planned to ensure families can balance the range of recreational, family and cultural activities their child/ren may be involved in.
- Be interesting, purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum.
- Be assessed by teachers, within a prescribed timeframe, with feedback provided.
- Not be set during the holidays.

- Expectations will be clearly explained to students at the beginning of the year.
- Expectations and guidelines will be provided at parent information evenings.
- Homework will be handed out on a Wednesday and be due in on a Monday morning.
- The school will provide support, to encourage students to complete homework.

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