

HEANY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOMework POLICY

PURPOSE

To provide an approach in the allocation of homework that is consistent across year levels, and which reflects the Department of Education and Training Guidelines (DET) and community expectations.

OBJECTIVES

- To complement and reinforce classroom learning.
- To foster good life-long learning and study habits.
- To encourage students to develop time management and organisational skills and become responsible for their own learning.
- To develop students' ability to source and utilise a range of external resources.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- At the beginning of each year, the school will publish the Homework Policy in the school newsletter to advise parents of homework expectations, (see Appendix 1).
- Generally, students should complete homework themselves, although parents and caregivers are encouraged to guide their children in effectively meeting homework requirements.
- Homework activities will follow the guidelines provided by the DET.
- Homework should be:
 - i) purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
 - ii) appropriate to the student's skill level and age
 - iii) interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open ended
 - iv) assessed with feedback provided as appropriate by a teacher, or peer, or self.
- It is the student's responsibility to seek clarification from their teacher, regarding the homework task, if unclear.
- Homework will consist mainly of:
 - i) reading activities to, with and/or by parents, or independently, on a daily basis
 - ii) maths activities related to classroom focus
 - iii) tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects, assignments and research
 - iv) gathering additional information and resources to support classroom programs
- Homework tasks may vary for students on Individual Learning Plans, as agreed upon by the teacher and parent/s.
- Homework will be provided according to the school's Homework Schedule, (see Appendix 1).
- This policy will be implemented in keeping with the Department's *Homework Expectations and Homework Guidelines*.
(<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/homework.aspx>)

EVALUATION

Evaluation of this policy will be carried out by the Level Leaders and Leadership Teams as part of the Education and Policy Committee's cyclic review process, in three years time, or beforehand, if a significant issue arises.

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