

HOMWORK POLICY

Bellevue Heights Primary School is committed to providing effective learning programmes for all students. We believe that homework is a worthwhile supplement to classroom learning.

RATIONALE

Homework is a part of the learning experience which occurs outside of the school and contributes to the child's development of responsible learning behaviours.

Homework needs to be challenging, achievable, focussed on learning goals and set by teachers with an appreciation of the student's learning programme and ability.

OBJECTIVES

Homework is set:

- To encourage in children an attitude that learning is a continuing life process that is not confined to the school environment.
- To encourage children to take responsibility for their own learning.
- To help children plan and manage their time to complete a task.
- To reinforce learning taking place in the classroom.
- To develop responsible attitudes to independent learning.
- To provide a means of communication between school and the home

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

At Bellevue Heights Primary School teachers will set homework regularly.

Homework will not normally be set on weekends and during school holiday periods.

- ◆ In years R-2 there is *no minimum* amount of homework. Parents are encouraged to show interest in the day's work with their children, and students are encouraged to read as often as possible at home.
- ◆ In years 3-7 the *maximum time* limit for homework set by the teachers is the year level times 5 minutes. (eg year 6 is 6 times 5 minutes over 4 nights per week = 120 minutes.) Teachers will explain their individual expectations and policy on homework at the beginning of the school year, at the acquaintance night and by notes sent home. Teachers may include as homework: contracts, set work, completion of tasks, research, reading, revision and other activities. No specific homework may be set due to excursions, camps, teacher absence, etc.

Teachers will monitor homework and provide feedback to the child.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

When the teacher sets homework it should be completed by the specified time, or by special negotiation with the teacher. There is an expectation that if homework is set then it is to be done. Parent and teacher guidance will be required for some students.

Teachers may require homework to be completed satisfactorily at school in the child's time.

It is acknowledged that children may not be able to complete work set in the case of illness or major family activities.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents should encourage their children to complete set homework and provide an environment conducive to the nature of work set.

Diaries or message books will be used to record homework.

Parents should sign the record regularly to confirm that the student has attempted to complete the work to the best of their ability.