



## **POLICY – Homework**

### **Rationale/Purpose**

Homework complements and reinforces classroom learning and fosters lifelong study habits. Homework is an opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education.

At Newport Gardens Primary School, we aim to inform all families of our homework expectations at the beginning of the year and can provide parents with a copy of the school's homework policy which is also located on the school's webpage.

### **Guidelines:**

- The homework set for children will vary depending on their age, the subject being covered and their child's developmental needs.
- The degree of difficulty and length of homework will also be set according to the age and abilities of the student.
- In addition to material set by the teacher, students have access to the 'Mathletics' and 'Spelladrome' programs to support their learning.
- Students may choose to be a part of the Premier's Reading Challenge as part of their home reading.
- The school will from time to time provide on-line resources that students may choose to take advantage of.
- Completing homework set by the classroom teacher/s which is reflective of this policy is an expectation of all students at this school.
- Homework should not be onerous, nor should it negatively impact upon the recreation/ school balance.

### **Implementation:**

Homework Requirements for Prep:

- Read every night by themselves or with an adult building up to 15 minutes per night;
- Spelling practice if assigned by the teacher. This time is not to exceed 5 minutes per night.

Homework Requirements for grade 1/2:

- Read every night by themselves or with an adult building up to 20 minutes per night;
- Students complete two activities per week. Each activity is not to exceed 10 minutes in duration. These activities will include work in different 'intelligences' and vary in cognitive demand to suit a variety of students. Where possible, these activities will be set at the beginning of each term;
- Teachers will monitor student progress weekly.

Homework Requirements for grade 3/4:

- Read every night by themselves or with an adult building up to 25 minutes per night;
- Students complete two activities per week. Each activity is not to exceed 15- 20 minutes in duration. These activities will include work in different 'intelligences' and vary in cognitive demand to suit a variety of students. Where possible, these activities will be set at the beginning of each term;
- Teachers will monitor student progress weekly.

Homework requirements for grade 5/6:

- Read every night building up to 30 minutes per night;
- Students complete two activities per week. Each activity is not to exceed 30 minutes in duration. These activities will include work in different 'intelligences' and vary in cognitive demand to suit a variety of students. Where possible, these activities will be set at the beginning of each term;
- Teachers will monitor student progress weekly.

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## **How parents can help:**

Some ways you can help your child with their homework:

- encourage a regular daily time to examine and complete homework;
- discuss key questions or suggest resources to help with homework;
- help to balance the amount of time spent between homework and recreational activities;
- ask how homework and class work is progressing and acknowledge success;
- attend school events, productions or displays your child is involved in;
- talk to teachers to discuss problems with homework;
- check whether homework has been set and encourage your child to keep a homework diary; and
- discuss homework with your child in their first language (if English is not the main language spoken at home).

## **References:**

DEECD School Policy and Advisory Guide 2011

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