



HOMWORK POLICY

Black Rock Primary School

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Rationale:

- Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.

Implementation:

- Homework expectations for individual year levels will be communicated to parents at the beginning of the school year through class information nights and handbooks.
- All students will be allocated homework books where required.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework is another opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education. Parents, in partnership with the school, should encourage their children to establish good homework patterns from early primary school.
- Students benefit from completing homework regularly. Homework helps them develop organisational and time-management skills, self-discipline, skills in using out-of-school resources, and personal responsibility for learning.
- Failure by students to complete homework should be followed up by teachers. Failure to complete homework on a regular basis will be followed up with verbal or written contact to parents.
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.

Successful Practice

Early Years (Prep – Year 4)

Prep to Year 4 homework will:

- Mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or older siblings.
- Enable the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering extra information or materials.
- This will generally not exceed 30 minutes a day and not be set on weekends or during vacations.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 homework will:

- Include daily independent reading.
- May include extension of class work, projects and assignments.
- This will generally not exceed 30 – 45 minutes a day.
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...

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