



# Lyndoch Primary School

## Homework Policy Reception to Year 7

Our homework policy is underpinned by the following beliefs:

- homework provides a valuable opportunity for some families to share time with their child about the work that they are doing at school and to know more about it
- homework should not be a burden for the parents ... it is the children's homework
- homework can provide an opportunity for students to develop sound work and organisation habits
- homework should be varied so that students get to share a range of their work at home

### Expectations –

The following is a brief class by class guide to homework expectations –

#### **Junior Primary (Reception-Year 2)**

Homework will include:

- Reading a reader or a library book on a daily basis with parents/caregivers or other siblings
- Reading and spelling sight words
- The extension of class work by gathering additional information or materials or other short tasks
- Maths games and activities

Homework will generally not exceed 20 minutes.

#### **Middle Primary (Years 3-5)**

Homework will include:

- Reading on a regular basis
- Practice and extension activities in reading, maths, spelling and writing
- Completion of unfinished class work
- Continuation of research assignments eg, History, SOSE, Science, Technology

Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes.

#### **Upper Primary (Year 6/7)**

Homework will include:

- Reading on a regular basis
- Continuation of research assignments eg, History, SOSE, Science, Technology
- Practice and extension activities in reading, maths, spelling and writing

Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes.

### Please note that -

- We understand that there are times when it is difficult to complete homework on a given night. Teachers will often set work that needs to be completed over a given time span and students will need to organise their time to complete the tasks. We will try to communicate the homework schedule through class newsletters and the student's diary so that you are able to assist your child with their organisation.
- If homework is not completed for any reason at the set time it is very important to write a note to the classroom teacher to explain the reason. Classroom teachers may provide opportunities for students to catch up with home practice if they were not able to complete it in their own time.
- We acknowledge the very important role that students have in their involvement with activities like scouts, little athletics, football, netball and so on. The time that you spend with them in these activities is valuable as is their very involvement in them.

**Parents can help by:**

- providing a dedicated place and time for homework and study where possible
- encouraging and supporting their child to fulfil homework requirements
- contacting the class teachers if there are difficulties
- not doing the homework for their child
- allowing the child to accept responsibility for their own homework
- discussing expectations with their child
- providing assistance with the development of time management and organisation skills
- providing positive, supportive encouragement

**Students can help by**

- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework within set time frames
- advising parents / caregivers of homework expectations
- seeking assistance from teachers or parents when difficulties arise
- trying to do their best
- organising and using time well
- following up on feedback from teachers

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