



Purpose

To outline to our school community the Department's and Altona Meadows Primary School's policy requirements relating to homework.

Scope

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Altona Meadows Primary School.

Rationale

Altona Meadows Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- Providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- Providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge
- Providing opportunities for students to prepare for future lessons
- Encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- Fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- Supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers

Definitions

Homework is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

Policy

At Altona Meadows Primary School all homework set by teachers will be:

- Purposeful
- Curriculum aligned
- Appropriate to student's skill level and age
- Monitored by the teacher
- Where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning

The types of homework that teachers at Altona Meadows Primary School may include are:

- Completing consolidation exercises for mathematics
- Completing science investigation exercises
- Making or designing an artwork
- Practicing spelling words
- Reading for pleasure

Shared expectations and responsibilities

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

Responsibilities and expectation for leaders at Altona Meadows Primary School are to:

- Advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy

Responsibilities and expectations for teachers at Altona Meadows Primary School are to:

- Set homework that is aligned to the curriculum and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- Ensure homework tasks are purposeful
- Ensure the amount of homework set supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school hours
- Offer opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning

Responsibilities and expectations for students are:

- Being aware of the school's homework policy
- Discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- Seek assistance when needed

Responsibilities and expectations for parents/carers are:

- Ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- Talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework

Support for Students and Parents/Carers

Altona Meadows Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Available on our school website
- Reminders in the school newsletter
- Discussed at parent information nights/session
- Hard copy available from our school office upon request

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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