

HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale:

Homework helps students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Regular homework contributes to the development of sound study habits and self-responsibility in children. It is a valuable means of fostering understanding and communication between the home and the school and it provides the opportunity for parents / carers to interact positively with their children.

Guidelines:

Homework can:

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

Implementation:

- Homework will follow Department of Education & Training guidelines and not be set on weekends or during vacations.
- Homework expectations will be communicated to parents at the beginning of the year.
- All homework expectations will be clearly stated and discussed with the students to ensure they fully understand the requirements.
- Parents and teachers will work together to foster self-management and the development of productive routines and attitudes towards homework. Parents, in partnership with the school should encourage their children to establish good homework patterns from early primary school.
- In Years Foundation to Year 4 homework will not exceed 30 minutes a day and will include daily reading .
- In Years 5 and 6 homework will include daily independent reading, and may include practising skills, extension of class work, projects and assignments, essays and research. This will generally range from 30-45minutes a day.
- From time to time, iPads and other electronic equipment will be required to be used for homework. For protocols in regard to the use of electronic devices refer to the Milgate PS ICT policies and agreements.
- Homework will be adjusted by teachers to meet the individual needs of students.
- Homework should be relevant to the school curriculum and the classroom program.
- Feedback will be provided to students about their homework as required.

Evaluation:

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