

# **LALOR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY**

School related activities completed at home benefits students by complementing their learning, fostering good study habits and providing students with an opportunity to be responsible for their own learning. It should provide opportunities for students and families to share in the learning process without being onerous on either the student or their outside-of-school life.

## **Aims**

- encourage the development of effective time management skills
- provide students with opportunities for consolidation, reinforcement and extension work
- assist students to assume greater responsibility for their learning
- provide effective home-school links.

## **Broad Guidelines**

- encourage students to develop sound study habits in preparation for future learning
- provide homework that has a purpose and is meaningful
- implement Individual Learning Improvement Plans as required
- encourage students to gradually undertake greater personal responsibility for their own learning as skills and knowledge develop
- parents will be advised at the beginning of the year as to the homework expectations for that year level
- there should be follow up with parents if a student regularly fails to complete homework
- homework should be:
  - appropriate to the age and skill of the student
  - interesting, challenging and where appropriate open ended
  - balanced with a diverse range of recreational activities
  - purposeful and relevant to the school curriculum
  - assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided.

## **Implementation**

Homework in Foundation to Grade 4

- should not be seen as a chore
- will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings
- may include a Mathematics or spelling task
- enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials
- will generally **not** exceed 30 minutes a day or be set on weekends or during vacations.

### Homework in Grades 5 and 6

- should include daily independent reading
- may include Mathematics and Spelling tasks along with unfinished work
- may extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- will generally range from 30 to 45 minutes a day and will not be set over the holidays.

### **Evaluation**

The effectiveness of Homework Policy will be determined through:

- parent feedback
- student attitudes, participation and levels of enthusiasm.

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