



DURACK SCHOOL

HOMWORK POLICY

Homework supports an individual student's educational program, and is a key strategy for connecting school learning and home. It is an NT Department of Education (DoE) requirement that schools develop and implement a school homework policy.

AIM

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To further the child's independence as a learner.
- To help parents stay in touch with what is happening at school.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The Homework Policy will be distributed to parents when students are enrolled and published on the school website.
- Homework should be appropriate to the student's age, stage of schooling and ability and should be a revision of what has already been taught in class.
- In setting homework consideration should be given to family circumstances and take into account after hours demands eg sport.
- Daily home reading is expected.
- Parents may choose that their children not be given written homework.

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Teachers will mark homework and provide feedback if appropriate.
- Children (with parental support) are responsible for taking homework home, completion and handing in of homework in given timeframe.
- If a child regularly fails to return homework parents are encouraged to contact the relevant teacher to discuss options.

EARLY YEARS

- Homework will consist of daily reading activities (to parents, with parents and by parents). Teachers will send home advice for parents such as, "Sharing Books with Children".
- A minimum of 10 minutes a night is expected.

PRIMARY YEARS

- Daily reading is expected – Minimum 15 minutes.
- Activities will be sent out either weekly, fortnightly or in the form of a long term project.
- Homework (not including reading) should take no longer than an hour per week in total.

- Teaching Learning Teams will devise a structure/format for homework so that there some is consistency within similar year levels.

Incomplete school work at home is a separate issue and outside of this Homework Policy and should be communicated to parents.

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