

HOMework POLICY



IF YOU NEED HELP TO UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION IN THIS POLICY PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATION STAFF FOR INTERPRETER ARRANGEMENTS.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and school staff Carnegie Primary School's expectations for homework.

SCOPE

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

RATIONALE

Carnegie Primary School has developed this Homework Policy 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 to be carried out during non- school hours.

POLICY

At Carnegie Primary School all homework set by teachers will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned
- appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- monitored by the teacher
- where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.

Carnegie Primary School acknowledges that homework should be tailored and adapted to suit the diverse learning needs of students.

Prep to Year 4

The objective of homework should be to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been introduced during class time. It is also intended to introduce the concepts of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare them for the upper grades.

Assigned homework tasks will build on concepts explored in the classroom and encourage students to use their initiative by gathering additional information or materials.

Homework will mainly consist of daily reading (to, with, or by a parent, carer, or older sibling), basic math skills practice, preparation for short oral presentations, and occasionally, directed research projects.

Year 5 to Year 6

The objective of homework is to practise and consolidate concepts and build responsibility and time management skills to prepare students for secondary school.

Assigned homework tasks will include daily independent reading and may include extension assignments, class work, research projects and preparation for oral presentations.

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.

Carnegie Primary School will support students by:

- fostering lifelong learning and connecting families with the learning of their children, as part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian school's curriculum
- ensuring the school's homework policy is relevant to the needs of students
- advising parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and providing them with a copy of the homework policy
- encouraging parents/carers of early primary school aged children to read to and with their children for enjoyment

Teachers at Carnegie Primary School will:

- equip students with the skills to solve problems
- encourage real-life problem solving, logical thinking, creativity and imagination
- set meaningful tasks related to class work to suit the students' learning needs
- give students enough time to complete homework, considering home obligations and extracurricular activities
- help students develop organisational and time-management skills
- ensure parents/carers are aware of the school's homework policy
- develop strategies within the school to support parents and carers becoming active partners in homework

Expectations for students include:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing with their parents/carers homework expectations
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities

Parents/carers can support their children by:

- developing a positive and productive approach to homework
- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home,
- in dialogue, linking homework to:
 - previous experiences the child and/or parent/carer may have had
 - family culture(s), history(ies) and language(s)
 - relevant services, clubs, associations and community.
- reading to them, talking with them and involving them in learning opportunities during everyday household routines and physical activity

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CARERS

Carnegie 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.

Homework is optional and not a compulsory component of the learning program. It is not assessed or included in formal reporting against the curriculum, and as such, may not always be marked or reviewed in detail by the teacher.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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