



# Doreen Primary School

## Homework Policy

### **Rationale:**

- Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.
- It is the belief of this School Community that homework should only assist learning, and the value of play and interaction with peers and family should not be put in jeopardy or strained because of it.

### **Aims:**

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

### **Implementation:**

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Students may be allocated homework or reading diaries, depending on year level and classroom structure.
- Teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- Homework activities be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers and parents.
- All homework tasks are designed to be completed independently by the children unless indicated.

- Classroom teachers will have knowledge of all planned homework given to students in their class.
- Students may choose to complete class work at home themselves.
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

### **Early Years (Prep - 2)**

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading and spelling activities which may involve silent reading or parental involvement.
- Some extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- Gathering of additional information or materials for project work when necessary.
- Homework will generally not be designed to be more than 30 minutes per day.

### **Middle and Upper Years (3-6)**

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent silent reading on a daily basis (this may include, but is not restricted to, school books.)
- Tasks such as the continuation of classroom work, projects, assignments, essays and research will generally not be designed to be more than 45 minutes per day.
- At times work that has not been completed in class may be sent home for *children* to complete.
- If the children experience any difficulties when completing their homework, parents are encouraged to send homework back to school for revision and further work.

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of Doreen Primary's four year review cycle.