



*"Working Together for a Better Future"*

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**



### **Help for non-English speakers**

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Wallan Primary School 5783-1232

### **PURPOSE**

To outline to our school community the Department's and Wallan Primary School's policy requirements relating to homework.

### **SCOPE**

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

### **RATIONALE**

Wallan Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- 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.

### **DEFINITION**

Homework includes tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

## **POLICY**

At Wallan 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.

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.

## **HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS**

**Responsibilities and expectations for leaders at Wallan Primary School are to:**

- advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy.

**Responsibilities and expectations for teachers at Wallan Primary School are to:**

- set homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- ensure homework tasks are purposeful and deliberately designed to support student learning
- assess homework and provide timely and practical feedback
- ensure the amount of homework set supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school hours
- offer opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning.

**Responsibilities and expectations for students are:**

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- following up on comments made by teachers
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities.

**Responsibilities and expectations for parents/carers are:**

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- 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.
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

### **SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS / CARERS**

Wallan 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.

### **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 and via the Compass parent portal
- Referenced in the staff handbook
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

### **RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES**

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

### **POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Policy last reviewed	May 2024
Consultation	Principal, staff, School Council subcommittee
Approved by	Principal
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