



HOMWORK POLICY

PURPOSE

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

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.

Eltham East 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
- encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.
- developing a responsibility for self-learning and promote an awareness of learning beyond school.
- Involving students in task selection where appropriate.

POLICY

- The Eltham East Primary School Homework Policy will be communicated to parents and accessible via the school website.
- At the start of each school year, each year level will outline homework tasks that are to be completed on a regular basis. Parents will be notified of any changes made to homework routines and tasks, as needed throughout the year.
- Further open-ended homework opportunities based on the curriculum covered in the classroom, will be outlined in Learning@EEPS.
- Homework is to be a consolidation of the curriculum taught at school.
- Students will have involvement in developing various homework tasks.
- Homework is encouraged by classroom teachers and is deemed as an optional task.
- Students have the option to extend their learning through accessing online platforms such as Mathletics.
- Feedback and support on homework activities will be provided to students where required.
- All Year 5 and 6 students will be allocated a diary to document homework requirements.
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks. In the event that unfinished classroom work needs to be completed at home, overall workload will be taken into consideration.

- Homework practices are reviewed and take into account feedback from teachers, parents and student.
- In line with DET Guidelines, the table below describes the quality homework practices at Eltham East Primary School, for the different year levels.

<p>Prep – Year 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings. • enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials • can foster a sense of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare students for upper grades
<p>Year 5 -6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • should include daily independent reading • may extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research. • can foster a sense of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare students for secondary school

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Eltham East 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.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

REVIEW PERIOD

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

Revision dates	Version number	Summary of changes
May 2021		Merge current policy with DET Template