



Richmond Primary School

Homework Policy

Rationale

At Richmond Primary School, we acknowledge that the time children spend with their families and their involvement in out of hours activities are important components of the development of the whole child. Homework is any work or task set by a class or subject teacher that is to be completed by the student outside of normal school hours.

Homework needs to be relevant to the students' current learning if it is to be of benefit. Students need to understand what is expected of them and the reasons why the homework tasks are set.

Homework can assist in the development of time management and organisational skills, consolidating new concepts learnt and keeping parents in touch with the kinds of work their children are doing at school.

Homework can support student learning. It should never be too difficult or stressful. It can provide an opportunity for students to take responsibility for their own learning and can help to establish routines and study habits.

How much homework and how often?

The following are guidelines as to how much and how often homework will be set.

Reception to Year 2 (approx. 10 minutes per night, Monday to Thursday) Junior Primary students are often asked to carry out short tasks like regularly reading to a family member, learning tricky words.

Year 3 and 4 (approx. 20 minutes per night, Monday to Thursday) Students are often required to engage in literacy and numeracy learning and to consolidate learning relevant to classroom activities.

Year 5 and 6 (approx. 30 minutes per night, Monday to Thursday) Students are often required to engage in literacy and numeracy learning and to consolidate learning relevant to classroom activities.

All students should read every night.

Year 5 and 6 students who learn a musical instrument are expected to regularly practice throughout the week.

Each class teacher is able to communicate homework requirements via the class Seesaw app. TEAMS or diaries (whichever is applicable).

Students will

- ensure they know what homework is required of them
- let their teacher know if they don't understand the set task
- meet the timeline for the task or negotiate with their teacher any adjustments as required.

Teachers will

- set appropriate homework for students
- communicate the expectations of the task so students have a clear understanding
- monitor that homework is completed appropriately and on time
- provide feedback to the student
- contact parents as soon as possible when homework is not being completed.

How parents can help?

The help and support of parents is important to a student's enjoyment and completion of homework. Parents can help by:

- Acknowledging that a set time is dedicated to homework
- Providing a 'study' place that is quiet and comfortable, without distractions.
- Assisting to access online subscriptions and appropriate technology
- Providing your child's teacher with prompt feedback if your child is having trouble comprehending or completing tasks.

** While parents are encouraged to take an interest in their child's homework and support them when necessary, it is important not to complete the homework for them.*