



# Homework Policy

## Introduction

It is commonly accepted that bringing academic learning into children's home life helps to develop a positive and supportive family attitude to learning. **Homework bridges the gap between learning at school and learning at home.** Our homework policy encourages students to develop regular study habits at home that will assist them to achieve success throughout their education.

## Statement of Intent

The purpose of this policy is to provide a shared understanding of the importance placed on the completion of homework by children. It provides guidelines for parents, staff and students for the expectations placed on children, as learners, so that a healthy life balance can be achieved. Homework supports the PBL values of always responsible and always learning.

The purpose of setting homework for students to complete is as follows:

- Consolidation of newly learned skills;
- Development of steady work habits;
- Completion of classroom tasks set at school.

## Responsibilities

- Students – be prepared to learn.
- Teachers - provide a quality educational program.
- Parents/Caregivers - support the education of your children.

## Setting Homework

Where possible, rather than demanding a quantity of work be completed each night, homework tasks will be reasonably flexible to fit in with families' home activities. Generally, teachers will negotiate the setting of a weekly guide of time/tasks rather than demanding each night 'x' minutes of homework will be done. This will support

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children who have other family commitments on particular nights in organising their home study.

Homework should be meaningful and is therefore usually made up of these categories:

- Consolidation of learning;
- Reading;
- Skill or Drill work; and/or
- Assignment work.

Allora P-10 State School follows the Education Queensland Recommended Guidelines as shown below:

- Children in Prep will not have homework.
- Children in Years 1 – 3 will not exceed 1 hour per week.
- Children in Years 4 and 5 will not exceed 2 - 3 hours per week.
- Children in Years 6, 7 and 8 will not exceed 3 – 4 hours per week.
- Children in Years 9 and 10 will not exceed 5 hours per week.

### **Modifications**

Students on Individual Curriculum Plans will have homework expectations set by their classroom teacher, in consultation with the SEP teacher and parents if necessary.

### **Consequences**

It is expected that all students will complete homework set by the classroom teacher. Students will be asked to complete any outstanding homework in their own time. If a pattern of non-completion occurs, the classroom teacher will contact the parents/caregivers; give further consequences in line with the PBL “Consequences for Unacceptable Behaviour” procedure outlined in our School’s Responsible Behaviour Plan.

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