



HOMEWORK POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Andrew Schaeche (Principal), White Hills Primary School.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and school staff White Hills Primary School's expectations for homework and at-home learning.

SCOPE

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

RATIONALE

White Hills 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 apply new knowledge
- 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

POLICY

White Hills Primary School acknowledges that homework should be tailored and adapted to suit the personal and developmental needs of students. Teachers at White Hills Primary School will provide reading material to support students to select and read appropriate texts.

Prep to Year 6 – 'Every Child, Every Night' - White Hills promotes all students reading, every school night.

The objective of homework should be to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been introduced during class time. It is also intended to introduce the concepts of self-discipline and responsibility.

Homework will consist of daily reading to, with, or by parents/carer or older siblings. Prep – Grade 4 students are generally not expected to complete more than 30 minutes of homework per day. Grade 5 – 6 students are generally not expected to spend more than 45 minutes per day. No homework will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays.

SHARED EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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.

White Hills Primary School will support students by:

- fostering lifelong learning and connecting families with the learning of their children, as part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian schools
- advising parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and providing them with a copy of the homework policy at "Start Up Interviews"
- encouraging parents/carers of early primary school aged children to read to and with their children for enjoyment



Leaders at White Hills Primary School will:

- 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
- make the Homework Policy available to parents on the White Hills Primary School website

Teachers at White Hills Primary School will:

- provide reading material to support students to select and read appropriate texts
- monitor home reading by checking reading journals once a week
- develop personal reading goals with each student to support home reading
- ensure parents/carers are aware of the school's homework policy
- develop strategies within the school to support parents and carers becoming active partners in homework

It is expected that **students** will take responsibility for their own learning by:

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

It is expected that **parents/carers** will support their children by:

- developing and providing a positive and productive approach to homework
- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational activities
- reading to them, talking with them and involving them in learning opportunities during everyday household routines and physical activity
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- keeping a record of their home reading activities
- discussing homework, in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home, and linking it to previous experiences
- ensuring there is a quiet study area to complete their reading

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CARERS

Teachers at White Hills Primary School understand that students have different learning styles and interests, and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If you are concerned about engagement towards homework, we encourage you to speak to their teachers.

White Hills Primary School has in place a number of learning programs that students may attend before school or during lunchtimes to assist with particular areas of need or interest.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

[Homework – Department Policy](#)
[Homework Guidelines](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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