



## Port Curtis Road State School Homework Policy

*At Port Curtis Road State School, we support students to be life-long learners with the provision of a safe, engaging, challenging learning environment for all students to strive to their full potential. Success is underpinned by our values of Play the Game, Commitment and Respect - every child matters every day.*

Our school recognises the importance that the Port Curtis Road State School community places on homework. As part of this process, it is also recognised that after school extra-curricular activities and outside play is important for the social and physical development of children. Homework does have a significant role to play in reinforcing taught concepts and preparing our students for future studies, instilling independence and positive work habits, prior to high school. While parental support and encouragement is required to develop skills, it is anticipated that homework is completed independently to build these skills.

### **Purpose**

- To establish routine for future study
- To inform parents of class work and progress of their child
- To reinforce class work

### **Guidelines**

Staff will achieve this by:

- Encouraging students to complete homework through positive support
- Understanding the learner i.e. providing ample time to complete homework valuing after school extra-curricular activities
- Providing homework that is easily managed within the suggested timeframes listed below

It is the policy of this school to set homework. Exactly how much and the content will depend on individual students and teachers but the following should serve as a guide to parents. Please note that reading should occur every night for **at least 10-15 minutes**. While students benefit from being read to, it is vital for reading development and fluency that they also read a good fit book themselves.

It is important for children to have a quiet space to complete homework. Homework is not productive or worthwhile if it causes stress or arguments. If there is no progress after 30 minutes, stop and pack up and try again another time.

Port Curtis Road State School has a Homework Centre that students can access free of charge to assist with the completion of homework. Please contact the office for current vacancies or to receive more information.

**Homework Recommendations:**

**Prep:** Spelling, sight word and phonics practice. Teachers will organise books for home reading (10 minutes per night).

**Year 1:**


Spelling, sight word and phonics practice. Teachers will organise books for home reading. (10 minutes per night).


**Year 2/3:**

Weekly homework sheet and reading a good fit book to someone. Homework to be returned Friday each week. Weekly homework incorporates the following activities such as maths, comprehension, reading and spelling.

**Year 4/5/6:**

Weekly homework sheet and reading a good fit book either independently or to someone. Homework to be returned on Monday. Students will also be asked to complete any unfinished work from time to time. Weekly homework incorporates the following activities such as maths, comprehension, reading, spelling, and/or challenge activities.

Signed on behalf of P&C:  Date: 27.07.21

Principal's signature:  Date: 27/7/21