

KURNELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMework POLICY

What is homework?

Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Additionally, it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline – *Department of Education*

Homework is any task assigned by school teachers intended for students to carry out during non-school hours. The quality of the homework assigned is more important than the quantity

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 should never be too onerous or stressful.

Homework can assist in:

- encouraging the development of self-management skills such as responsibility, independence, self-discipline, organization and planning skills.
- consolidating new concepts learnt
- keeping parents informed with the learning their children are doing at school by providing a link between parents, students and teachers

In order that out of school activities can be fostered within families, our teachers support homework that can be completed within the stated time frame. The time taken to complete the tasks will depend on a child's ability to complete it to a quality standard. The amount of homework given and the time it takes for homework to be completed, will vary according to the stages of learning, the homework tasks and student capabilities.

Homework may consist of:

- **daily reading** (The most important task)
- **times tables practice for students 2-6** (of utmost importance)
- completing tasks that were not completed in class time
- 'practice' tasks which will give students a chance to consolidate newly learned concepts eg **spelling**, Mathematics, Reading Eggs etc
- set tasks or 'longer term' contracts which will have negotiated time frames
- activities to help year 6 students prepare for high school

Roles

Teachers will:

- each year at “Meet the Teacher” meetings, outline their expectations and procedures for home work.
- set appropriate homework for students
- communicate the expectations of the task to the students
- monitor that homework is completed appropriately and on time
- provide feedback to the students
- provide suggestions for extra homework activities

Students will:

- meet the timeline for the task
- need to manage their time so there is no panic when homework is due
- be expected to complete their own homework. If there is difficulty they need to advise the teacher

Parents/carers will:

- communicate any homework issues with the teacher
- negotiate with the teacher if there are extenuating circumstances regarding incomplete homework

YEAR	A GUIDE TO TIME
Kindergarten	20 minutes per week
Year 1	40 minutes per week
Year 2	60 minutes per week
Year 3	80 minutes per week
Year 4	80 minutes per week
Year 5	100 minutes per week
Year 6	120 minutes per week

Links

The following links provide resources that may assist your child in establishing effective homework habits

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/curriculum+%26+school+work%7Chomework>

<https://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-andstudy/homework-tips>

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