

KAHIBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL



HOMEWORK POLICY

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Rationale

At Kahibah Public School we believe that the role of homework in our students' lives needs to be considerate of international research, NSW Department of Education policy guidelines and community consultation. This information is used to structure a school based policy that satisfies departmental requirements and the needs of families and individual students.

Community consultation indicated that our families want a choice in whether their child participates in homework activities. It is important that families are able to make their own decisions based on their family's value of the benefits and drawbacks of homework.

Homework may help students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. However, some international research suggests that homework may not, necessarily have a significant impact on future learning.

Policy Statement

This policy aims to assist families in making an informed decision regarding their child/ren opting in or out of homework; and to inform those who opt-in of the Kahibah Public School homework expectations.

Implementation

Families will have a choice at the beginning of each year as to whether or not they would like their child to complete homework by returning the slip contained within this Homework policy.

For those who opt-in, the following applies;

Students will complete a variety of homework tasks and in a variety of modes. Some tasks will need to be completed in a weekly or fortnightly cycle. Other tasks may require a number of weeks to complete, depending on the purpose and final presentation requirements.

As a general guideline, the time spent on homework should be approximately:

| Stage / Grade | Time per Week |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Early Stage One / Kindergarten | 40mins (approx. 10 minutes per night) |
| Stage One / Years 1 & 2 | 1 hour (approx. 15 minutes per night) |
| Stage 2 / Years 3 & 4 | 1 hour 20mins (approx. 20 minutes per night) |
| Stage 3 / Years 5 & 6 | 2 hours (approx. 30 minutes per night) |

Teachers are expected to:

- set homework on a regular basis, distributed on Monday and collected on Friday
- ensure that homework tasks are set at an appropriate level to meet the learning needs of students to maximise their learning potential
- clearly communicate homework tasks to students and parents/carers
- provide appropriate support to students so they can successfully complete their homework to the expected standard
- provide written and/or verbal feedback regarding completed homework
- maintain a record of students' completion of homework
- inform parents/carers of any concerns regarding a student's homework completion

Students are expected to:

- complete homework to the expected standard and submit within the given timeframe, unless notification is provided by a parent/carer
- seek assistance from the teacher as soon as possible if help is needed in completing homework

Types of Homework:

Reading is encouraged as a daily exercise.

Practice exercises across a range of subject areas - these provide students with the opportunities to apply new knowledge; review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills.

Research homework - this provides opportunities for students to gain background information on a theme or unit of study so that they are better prepared for future lessons, including background reading, reading a set English text, researching a topic or collecting items.

Assignments/Projects - these encourage students to pursue knowledge individually and imaginatively, including writing (e.g. book review), making and designing something, investigations, researching, information and retrieval skills (computers/Internet/email).

Grids - homework may be structured in a grid format giving students the choice in which tasks they complete.

Monitoring & Evaluation:

For this policy to remain relevant for students, teachers and parent/carers, the school community should review it regularly. It is intended that this review be carried out every three years.

Date for next review: June 2021

Related Documents and References

NSW Department of Education Homework Policy

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/homework-policy?refid=285831>



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Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Having read the Kahibah Public School Homework policy, I would like to;

Opt-in

Opt-out

...of homework for my child this year.

Signed Parent / Carer: _____

Date: _____