

# HOMEWORK

## POLICY

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and staff expectations for home reading and other homework.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all teaching staff and students in all year levels

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Bolwarra P.S. believes that reading is a necessary skill for all children. Our Homework policy is centred upon home reading.

Teachers are encouraged to exercise their discretion in assigning tasks that are appropriate for their students and most likely to be meaningful. This may comprise of:

#### Prep to Year 4

Homework will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, or by parents/carer or older siblings.

Other assigned homework tasks may build on concepts explored in the classroom and encourage students to use their initiative by gathering additional information or materials.

Home reading expectations are set by individual teachers, however students are generally not expected to complete more than 90 minutes of homework per week, including reading.

#### Year 5 to Year 6

In the upper year levels, the objective of home reading is to foster a love of reading. Home reading also serves to build on the concepts of self-discipline, responsibility and organisational skills. Therefore, assigned homework tasks will mostly consist of daily independent reading.

Homework expectations will be set by individual teachers, however students are generally not expected to spend more than 120 minutes per week on homework, including reading.

#### Shared expectations and responsibilities

Homework, especially home reading, is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. It is important that everyone understands his or her obligations and responsibilities.

Bolwarra Primary School will support students by:

- encouraging parents/carers of early primary school aged children to read to and with their children for enjoyment
- ensuring the school's homework policy is relevant to the needs of students

- advising parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and providing them with a copy of the homework policy

Teachers at Bolwarra School will:

- ensure consistent communication with parents of lower school students via a reading diary
- ensure that upper primary students use digital means like Seesaw to provide a regular communication between parents and the school regarding home reading
- ensure parents/carers are aware of the school's homework policy

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
- 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:

- facilitate daily reading with their child as set out by teacher's expectations
- developing a positive and productive approach to home reading
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the home reading
- ensuring upper primary students use digital communication to keep track of home reading
- regularly communicate with lower school teachers regarding home reading via reading diaries
- ensuring there is a quiet area for students to complete their homework tasks

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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