Sunshine Heights Primary School

Homework policy

Homework is defined as any activities that engage students and help them reflect on their learning.

Rationale:

Learning continues at home. Engagement with family members is a vital part of a child’s learning. There are a variety of activities that complement classroom teaching and help students to be responsible for their own learning.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning
- To build on the school/home partnership

Implementation:

- The school’s Homework Policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Students are encouraged to spend some quality time reflecting on their school day and their learning.

Early Years (Prep – year 4)

Activities can consist mainly of:

- Encouraging reading activities to, with and by parents
- Suggest enrichment activities for parents to engage in with their children
- Activities will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day.

Middle Years (Years 5-6)

The purpose of homework in Year 5 and 6 is to develop good work habits, time management and organisational skills in order to prepare students for Secondary Education.

Activities will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis
- Tasks that can be completed independently to support classroom learning.
- This time will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day and may be set during weekends and school vacations.

It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks. Participation in activities resulting in success will build on a child’s self esteem and future learning. We value and celebrate all students’ attempts at continuing their learning outside of school.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the schools three-year review cycle.

Policy ratified by School Council on: 2011
Policy to be reviewed in 2014