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Homework Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and school staff Rangebank Primary School's expectations for homework and at-home learning.

SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting homework.

RATIONALE

Rangebank Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- fostering good lifelong learning and work / life balance habits
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

DEFINITIONS

Homework is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

POLICY

Rangebank Primary School acknowledges that time spent studying at home should be tailored and adapted to suit the personal and developmental needs of students.

Teachers at Rangebank Primary School 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 reading, discussing their learning with family, researching topics of interest.

Prep to Year 4

In the early years, the objective of homework should be to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been introduced during class time. It is also intended to introduce the concepts of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare them for the upper grades.

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

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

Students are generally not expected to complete more than 30 minutes of homework per day and no homework tasks will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays.

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Year 5 to Year 6

In the upper year levels, the objective of homework is to build on the concepts of self-discipline, responsibility and initiative to prepare students for secondary school.

Assigned homework tasks will include daily independent reading and may include extension assignments, class work, essays and research.

Students are generally not expected to spend more than 45 minutes per day on homework and no homework tasks will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays.

Shared expectations and responsibilities

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

Leadership at Rangebank Primary School will support students by:

- fostering lifelong learning and connecting families with the learning of their children, as part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian schools
- encouraging parents/carers of early primary school aged children to read to and with their children for enjoyment

Teachers at Rangebank Primary School will:

- provide timely and practical feedback and support
- help students develop organisational and time-management skills
- develop strategies within the school to support parents and carers becoming active partners in learning

It is expected that students will take responsibility for their own learning by:

- following up on comments made by teachers
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities and part-time employment.

It is expected that parents/carers will support their children by:

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational activities
- reading to them, talking with them and involving them in learning opportunities during everyday household routines and physical activity
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have
- attending the school events, productions or displays their child is involved in

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- discussing learning with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home, and linking it to previous experiences the families' culture, history and language, linking with relevant services, clubs, associations and community
- ensuring there is a quiet area for students.

Support for students, parents and carers

Teachers at Rangebank Primary School understand that students have different learning styles and interests, and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If you are concerned that your child may not understand any out of class tasks that have been set for him or her, or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage you to speak to the classroom teacher.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

School Policy and Advisory Guide:

- [Homework Guidelines](#)

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 03/23 and is scheduled for review on 03/26

Signed

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