



Petersham Public School

Homework Policy

Rationale

Schools are required to develop a school homework policy relevant to the needs of their students. Homework is set to meet the realistic expectations of students, teachers, parents and caregivers. Homework allows for practising, consolidating and extending 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 positive habits of study, concentration and self-discipline.

Policy Statement

All teachers from Petersham Public School set weekly homework tasks relevant to the needs of their students and class programs.

Implementation

Homework will:

- Build on knowledge, skills and understanding developed in class
- Be relevant to students needs
- Have its requirements made specific
- Be manageable so that teachers can ensure quality, and can provide feedback to students on completion.
- Be ability appropriate
- Consider students' outside of school hour commitments, such as sport, cultural activities, tuition and home responsibilities.
- Take into account students' access to resources and technology beyond school
- Be clearly communicated to students
- Provide some flexibility and options to allow for different student circumstances
- Be reviewed annually by the staff and parent community

Homework for Kindergarten

Kindergarten will be provided with a small amount of homework each week. Teachers will provide children with home readers each week. Other activities may include sight words, News preparation, or other learning activities.

Homework for Year 1-2

Homework for children in Years 1 and 2 will be set by classroom teachers on a weekly basis. In Years 1 and 2, formal homework will be set. Students will be asked to read and write, learn words for spelling and complete some mathematical activities. Children may also be asked to complete additional activities in other learning areas, such as preparing News items, or work in HSIE or Science.

Homework for Years 3-6

Class teachers will set home work for children in Years 3-6 on a weekly basis. Homework activities will be varied and students are expected to work more independently. Students will be asked to read either home readers provided, or books of interest at home for older children. Students will be asked to read and write, learn words for spelling and complete mathematical activities which will revise concepts learnt at school. Additional homework may also be set across additional areas of the curriculum and may include projects or rich tasks.