



STANTHORPE STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Policy

Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning and involve family members in their learning. This policy has been developed in consultation with the school community.

What might homework look like?

Homework tasks may include:

- Daily reading to, with and by parents/carers or other family members.
- Linking concepts with familiar activities such as shopping, preparation of food, local environment and family outings.
- Conversations with family and family friends about what is happening at school.
- Preparation for oral presentations.
- Practice of spelling and number facts.
- Opportunities to write for meaningful purposes.

How much homework is expected?

- *In the Prep Year*, generally students will have reading books, sight words and number/letter sound work.
- *Junior years (Yr 1 to Yr 3)* set homework could be up to approx 15–20 minutes per night, four nights a week. Homework tasks might include reading, writing, spelling, maths.
- *Senior years (Yr 4 to Yr 6)* homework can be completed daily or over a weekly period and may include:
 - * Reading, writing, spelling, maths.
 - * Daily independent reading.
 - * Extension of class work, projects and research.

Homework in Year 4 to year 6 could take up to 2 hours per week.

Responsibilities

Teachers are to:

- Ensure the homework policy is implemented with families.
- Clearly communicate the purpose and expectations of all homework.
- Check homework regularly, provide timely and useful feedback.

Students are to:

- Discuss with their parents or carers homework expectations.
- Follow up on comments made by teachers.
- Seek assistance when difficulties arise.

Parents are to:

- Encourage children to complete set homework by:
 - * Being nearby whilst children complete their homework.
 - * Provide a calm environment to complete homework.
 - * Reinforce that homework time is not a long time.
- Contact the relevant teacher to discuss any concerns you or your child has with the homework.



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