



# Mernda Primary School 0488

## HOME LEARNING POLICY

### RATIONALE

At Mernda Primary School we believe that homework should be an opportunity to reinforce understandings and skills introduced in the classroom. It allows students to develop sound study habits, organisational skills and to take responsibility for their own learning. Homework provides an important link between home and school. This policy is in line with DET guidelines.

### AIMS

Homework should:

- Be relevant, engaging, achievable for the ability level of the student
- Consolidate classroom learning
- Provide opportunities to involve parents in the school education program
- Develop sound work practices, organisational and time management skills.

### IMPLEMENTATION

- Achievable time frames will be set for homework tasks.
- Homework may consist of a variety of activities that are appropriate to the skill level of the child, and is to include **reading on a daily basis**.
- The recommended time duration as per DET guidelines is:
  - Prep:** This will generally be between 15 - 20 minutes a day (days will be designated by prep team)
  - Grades 1 and 2:** This will generally be between 20 - 30 minutes a day
  - Grades 3 and 4:** This will generally be up to 30 minutes a day
  - Grades 5 and 6:** This will generally be up to 45 minutes a day
- Homework will be given to all students with the expectation of completion.
- Teachers will provide regular feedback to students about homework.
- Parents will be encouraged to provide feedback about homework tasks to teachers.
- Repeated failure to complete homework will be followed-up with parents.
- Parents will assist students to establish good home learning habits e.g. provide a space, time and materials as needed.

### EVALUATION

This policy was last ratified by School Council on	17 <sup>th</sup> August 2016
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