



## WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 5365.

### HOMWORK POLICY.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and school staff Westgrove Primary School's expectations for homework and at-home learning. Westgrove Primary School considers that life-long learning is a partnership between students, parents/carers and the school. Homework which is meaningful, relevant and appropriate to the student's level of development is an important part of this partnership.

#### **SCOPE**

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

#### **POLICY**

Westgrove Primary School acknowledges that homework should be tailored and adapted to suit the personal and developmental needs of students.

##### **Prep to Year 2**

- Reading with parents for 15 minutes
- Optional activities may include: Essential Assessment and Reading Eggs and other online Learning

##### **Year 3 to Year 4**

- Reading with parents for 20 minutes
- Optional activities may include: Essential Assessment and Reading A-Z and other online Learning

##### **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.

- Independent reading on a daily basis 30 minutes
- Optional activities may include: Essential Assessment and Reading A-Z and other online Learning

At all year levels it is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities, research projects and individualised tasks as additional homework tasks.

- Research tasks should take into account the availability of resources.
- Homework may include unfinished class work.
- Individualised tasks will be decided at the departmental level.
- Positive recognition and rewards for the completion of homework tasks will be decided at the departmental level.

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.

Westgrove 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
- ensuring the school's homework policy is relevant to the needs of students
- advising parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the year through cohort newsletter

- encouraging parents/carers of early primary school aged children to read to and with their children for enjoyment

Teachers at Westgrove Primary School will:

- equip students with the skills to solve problems
- encourage real-life problem solving, logical thinking, creativity and imagination
- help students develop organisational and time-management skills
- ensure parents/carers are aware of the school's homework policy
- develop strategies within the school to support parents and carers becoming active partners in homework

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

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing with their parents/carers homework expectations
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise

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

- developing a positive and productive approach to homework
- 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 about the homework
- attending the school events, productions or displays their child is involved in

Teachers at Westgrove 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 the homework tasks that have been set for him or her, we encourage you to speak to the teacher.

## **REVIEW CYCLE**

This policy was last updated on 21 November 2019 and is scheduled for review in November 2023.