



# Additional Policies & Guidelines

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## HOMEWORK POLICY

Teachers at Burpengary Meadows State School may set homework on a weekly basis, every week of the school year. All students are expected to make reasonable attempts to complete set tasks. Special considerations may be negotiated with the school's administration team or class teachers. Homework will be set and there is an expectation that homework will be completed, however, given the complex circumstances of modern living, students will not be penalised for non-completion of homework.

The staff at Burpengary Meadows value homework because it:

- establishes a pattern of learning for future education
- reinforces routine
- teaches responsibility - one of the expectations of the behaviour policy
- helps to consolidate basic skills

### **Purpose**

Teachers may assign homework for the following purposes:

- To consolidate work currently being studied in class – providing opportunities for students to practise skills taught and apply acquired knowledge.
- So that research on a particular topic may be undertaken.
- To encourage discipline/positive habits in relation to completing tasks.

Parents monitoring of homework provides an opportunity to discuss schoolwork with child/ren and provides a platform to develop and maintain contact with their child's teacher.

### **General Guidelines**

- Homework must relate closely to work being taught in class and can include long term tasks.
- Homework must consist of activities that are within the student's abilities. No new work is to be set.
- Weekly homework may include weekly reading, writing, maths and/or other learning tasks.
- Reasonable hours that could be expected to be dedicated to homework as follows:
  - Yrs 1- 3 approximately 1 hour per week dedicated to each learning area or no more than 20 minutes in total each day.
  - Yrs 4 -5 approximately 2 to 3 hours per week dedicated to each learning area or no more than 30 minutes each day.
  - Yrs 6 -7 approximately 3 to 4 hours per week dedicated to each learning area or no more than 45 - 60 minutes each day. Year 7 students may be presented with tasks to assist in transitioning to high school where the expectation may be that homework precedes lesson content, perhaps involving research to prepare for future lessons. Homework tasks will continue to include reading, writing, maths, science and other learning tasks that may also incorporate research.

### **Teacher Responsibilities**

- Set homework aligned with student's capabilities.
- Ensure that homework is closely related to in-class work.
- Mark homework that is completed.
- Provide effective feedback to the learner and home regarding progress or concerns.
- Communicate homework expectations to students and parents.
- Monitor homework completion and discuss any concerns with parents/carers mid-term.

### **Administration Responsibilities**

To communicate the Burpengary Meadows State School Homework policy to the community via the school website and newsletter at the beginning of the year.



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### **Student Responsibilities:**

- Organising themselves to ensure that homework tasks and associated materials are taken to and from school and home as required.
- Work diligently at completing tasks up to the designated time and/or the completion of set tasks.
- Seek assistance from teachers and/or parents when experiencing difficulty.

### **Parent/Carer Responsibilities:**

- Monitor child's homework.
- Set an agreed time for homework to take place.
- Provide an appropriate location for your child to complete homework.
- Provide support and encouragement as required.
- Contact the teacher as soon as possible if your child is distressed and/or experiencing difficulty with homework and/or it becomes a source of conflict within the family.
- If your child has demonstrated a focused effort for the time allocated, (as per guideline above) parents are at liberty to ask their child to stop. Children will not be penalised for incomplete homework.