

# HOMework POLICY



## PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Frankston Heights Primary School's policy requirements relating to homework.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Frankston Heights Primary School.

## RATIONALE

Frankston Heights Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the school council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills and knowledge
- encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- connecting families with the learning of their children.

## DEFINITIONS

**Homework** is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

## POLICY

At FHPS all homework set by teachers will:

- be purposeful and curriculum-aligned
- be appropriate to students' skill level and age
- encourage students to accept responsibility for their learning
- be monitored by the teacher
- provide opportunities for parents/carers to connect with their child's learning.

The types of homework that teachers at FHPS may include are:

- daily reading
- writing, spelling, oral language and numeracy activities to support student learning
- tasks linked to inquiry topics and other subject areas.

## 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.

Responsibilities and expectations for **leaders at FHPS** are to:

- advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations throughout the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy.

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at FHPS** are to:

- set homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- provide all students with access to home learning tasks (hard copy, digital)
- ensure homework tasks are purposeful and designed to support student learning
- monitor homework and provide timely, practical feedback
- ensure the amount of homework set supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school hours
- offer opportunities for families to engage in their child's learning.

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- being aware of the school's homework expectations
- discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising, with parent assistance, time available in the weekly schedule to work on and complete homework tasks, home obligations and after school activities.

Responsibilities and expectations for **parents/carers** are:

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home,
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

## **SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS**

Frankston Heights Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing his/her homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

## **COMMUNICATION**

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our year level newsletters
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Discussed at student forums

## **RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES**

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

## **REVIEW PERIOD**

This policy was updated May 2021 and is scheduled for review May 2024.