



HOMWORK POLICY

RATIONALE:

At Box Hill North Primary School our belief is that regular homework complements classroom learning, contributes to the fostering of good study habits, and provides an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

PURPOSE:

- To foster understanding and communication between the home and school.
- To stimulate parental involvement in their child's learning by the sharing of knowledge and discussion.
- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To develop students ability to effectively manage their time.

GUIDELINES:

The expectation at Box Hill North PS is for all students to undertake some regular work at home based on the following guidelines:

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the start of each school year
- years 3-6 students will be allocated homework diaries
- all students will be encouraged to read daily
- homework will be directly related to the school curriculum, the classroom program and suit the needs of all students
- senior school students may be required to complete homework which may include extension of class work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- junior and middle school students may be required to complete other tasks
- some students P-6 may be working on an ILP (Individual Learning Plan) with their teacher and some times this may include additional work at home. The teacher will meet with the parent once each term as a minimum to discuss the ILP
- parents should establish an environment to support their child completing homework
- teachers will assess the homework assignments of each child as appropriate and provide feedback and support
- students will be given enough time to complete homework, taking into account home obligations and extracurricular activities.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Prep – Year 4: Homework will consist mainly of:

- reading activities to, with and by parents
- simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities
- gathering of additional information or materials
- homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day and, except for reading, will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

Years 5/6: Homework will consist mainly of:

- independent reading on a daily basis
- tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day, and may be set during weekends and school vacations
- it is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as additional homework tasks.

A guideline of possible homework activities at Box Hill North PS:

Preps

- Homework not to exceed 30 minutes per night
- Except for reading, homework will not be set on weekends or holiday periods
- Home reading – reading to, with and by students
- Reading diary is used by students; this requires parent signature and comments; these are checked by teachers fortnightly.
- Spelling the Most Commonly Used Word List (MCUW) 1-22 words, as the base level. These are placed on a key ring in each student's bag. Students will then work on individual spelling lists as their spelling mastery progresses.
- Additional homework – Log on to use Reading Eggs (Literacy) and Study Ladder (Maths) and regularly check the Prep Blog where additional websites are also placed.

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- Homework not to exceed 30 minutes per night
- Except for reading, homework will not be set on weekends or holiday periods
- Home reading - 5 times a week
- Reading diary is used by students; this requires the date and title of the book read and a parent signature at the end of each week; these are checked by the classroom teacher fortnightly
- Spelling the Most Commonly Used Word List (MCUW) 1-400. Students will be tested on these in the classroom and students will receive a list of words which are relevant to them. (Some students may be learning the 1-100 list while others may be learning the words from one of the other lists)
- Inquiry based homework- eg interviews, oral presentation, project work etc. possibly one inquiry based piece of homework per term.
- Additional homework- Log on and use programs such as Mathletics or Reading Eggs

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- Homework not to exceed 30 minutes per night
- Except for reading, homework will not be set on weekends or holiday periods
- Home Reading – Reading 5 times a week – a diary is used by students who write the text read, number of pages and requires a parent signature; these are checked fortnightly by teachers.
- Spelling words are written by students in the diary and checked by teachers each fortnight. Students who have not completed the 400 MCUW, work on these words independently at home.
- Inquiry based homework which includes literacy tasks (reading, writing, spelling), maths tasks or open ended project tasks eg. interviews, oral presentations or projects.
- Additional homework - on netbooks; Big Brains, Target Maths and Mathletics, Reading Eggspress

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- Not to exceed 45 minutes per day, and may be set during weekends and school vacations.
- Home diary – For reading 5 times a week - is used by students who write the text read, number of pages and requires a parent signature; these are checked by teachers every Monday.
- Inquiry based homework which includes literacy tasks (reading, writing, spelling), maths tasks or open ended project tasks eg. interviews, oral presentations or projects.
- Additional homework - on netbooks; Mathletics, Reading Eggspress.

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