



# HOMEWORK POLICY

## MILDURA SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Mildura South Primary School on 50232148

### PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Mildura South'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 Mildura South.

### RATIONALE

Mildura South has developed this Homework Policy to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

### DEFINITIONS

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

### POLICY

At Mildura South all homework set by teachers will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned
- appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- monitored by the teacher
- where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.



The types of homework that teachers at Mildura South set may include the following:

- completing home reading for 20 minutes
- reading for pleasure
- making or designing an artwork
- practising and playing musical instruments
- practising spelling words
- practising sports skills
- practising words/phrases learnt in a language other than English
- applying new skills to home context such as:
- planning and cooking food, including following a recipe
- engaging with parents in learning activities such as:
  - rehearsing a presentation with parent/carers, and seeking their feedback

## 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 Mildura South** are to:

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

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at Mildura South** are to:

- set homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- sign off reader covers daily
- offer opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning.

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities.

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

- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework

## SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Mildura South 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 their 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:

- Provided to staff at induction
- Discussed at staff meetings/briefings as required
- Made available publicly on our school website
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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