



## HOMEWORK POLICY



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Newcomb Primary School on 52484176

### PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Newcomb 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 Newcomb Primary School.

### RATIONALE

Homework at our school is designed to support the development of positive learning habits and strengthen the connection between school and home. A key focus of our homework approach is nightly reading, as regular reading is one of the most powerful ways to build vocabulary, comprehension, fluency and a lifelong love of learning.

When students read each night, they practise skills taught in the classroom, build confidence, and develop independence as learners. Nightly reading also provides an opportunity for families to engage in their child's learning through shared conversations about books, stories and ideas. By prioritising consistent reading at home, we aim to foster strong literacy foundations that support success across all areas of the curriculum.

We encourage families to focus on shared learning experiences where they can practice life long skills such as sharing, problem solving, planning, organising, communicating and reflection. These activities help with the development of skills in practice as well as connecting as a family. Activities may include board games, chores, cooking, gardening, building, craft or adventures to new places.

Newcomb 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
- providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge
- providing opportunities for students to prepare for future lessons

- encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- 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 Newcomb Primary School 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 Newcomb Primary School will include are:

- reading 5 nights a week focusing on decoding and fluency (15 minutes)
- maths fluency practice using Numbots or TT Rockstars applications

## 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 Newcomb Primary School** 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 Newcomb Primary School** are to:

- Send home curriculum aligned and appropriate readers/texts
- provide information to parents with logins and applications for Maths fluency

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- ensuring their nightly reading is recorded in their diaries and signed by their parent/carer..

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

- prioritising reading each night and recording the reading in their child's diary.
- 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

## 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
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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