



HOMEWORK

POLICY - 2014

Rationale:

Myrning Primary School believes that homework plays an important role in the academic and personal development of students from Prep to Year 6. It provides an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to share the responsibility for encouraging the view that learning occurs beyond school and can be actively pursued at home.

Aims:

The purpose of Homework at Myrning Primary School is –

- To enable students to reinforce and develop curriculum skills and attitudes learnt at school.
- To provide parents with an involvement in their child's education.
- To foster and develop good study habits and provide an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Implementation:

Homework should –

- Be related to work being covered in class, not to introduce new concepts.
- Cover a wide range and variety of activities, which are interesting and challenging.
- Be able to be completed by the child with minimal parent assistance and within a reasonable time.
- Be able to be completed without substantial educational resources at home. Teachers may need to assist in providing resources when required.
- Have a clearly defined purpose that is understood by the child and parent.
- Be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- Not impinge on the time needed for other activities such as music, clubs or sport nor should it impinge on quality teaching time.
- The Homework Policy is made available throughout the year via the school's website and at the office.
- Homework expectations for the year will be outlined at the first Parent Information Session / Interview.
- ILP work as per ILP
- Each Year Level will develop a set of follow up processes for homework not completed
- The homework policy will be included as part of the Prep Information Pack and new enrolment information packs

Homework will mainly consist of –

Years Prep - 2

- Reading activities to, with and by parents, recorded in students' reading logs / Diaries.
- Spelling practice using Brickwall words
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- Gathering information or materials.

Homework will generally not exceed 20 minutes per day.

Years 3 - 6

- Home reading on a daily basis.
 - Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, research, projects and assignments.
- Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day and must be co-ordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload.

Evaluation:

The content and appropriateness of homework given should be monitored constantly.

This Policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.