



HOMWORK POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Newborough Primary School.

PURPOSE

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

RATIONALE

Newborough Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing. At NPS, we believe that there should be no formal homework assigned to students other than home reading as research shows us that homework leads to minimal gain in academic performance. Homework often creates unnecessary stress on students and/or parents/carers. We encourage parents/carers to take an active role in their child's education by engaging in conversations with them about their learning and by reading with them regularly. We believe that our teachers' time should be spent planning for and assessing classroom learning which will have a greater impact on student outcomes.

DEFINITIONS

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

POLICY

At Newborough PS all homework set by teachers will:

- Be in line with our belief that homework should only include Reading.
- Be appropriate to students' skill level and age.
- Provide opportunities for parents/carers to interact with their child.

The types of homework that teachers at Newborough PS will include are:

- Reading **with** an adult.



- Reading **to** an adult.
- Reading **independently**.
- The expectation of time spent reading at home should not exceed 20 minutes for grades 3-6 and 10 minutes for grade P-2 per session.
- The expectation for reading at home shall not exceed 5 times per week for any grade.
- Students must not be penalised in any manner for not completing/returning homework.

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 Newborough PS** 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 Newborough PS** are to:

- set homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- set homework that meets the guidelines stated in this policy

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- accepting responsibility for the completion of home reading

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
- help create a calm and supportive environment for home reading

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Newborough PS 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:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- 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

Policy last reviewed	
Consultation	Email sent to staff to canvass views. 30/8/21
Approved by	Principal
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