

HOME LEARNING

PURPOSE

Murrumbidgee Primary School recognises home learning as a home/school partnership focusing on the development of academic, social, physical and cultural capabilities.

AIMS

To reinforce and encourage the development of:

- a balanced lifestyle
- personal accountability and responsibility for independent learning
- life skills linked to the Primary Years Program (PYP) – research, self-management, communication, social and thinking skills
- parent participation in their child's education.

GUIDELINES

Home learning to be:

- appropriate to the student's skill level
- interesting, challenging and, where appropriate, open ended
- flexible in regards to family commitments
- purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum and the student's personal interests
- monitored by teachers and parents.

Parents and students are to be advised of home learning expectations at the beginning of the school year.

Although home learning activities will be set by the school for week nights, these activities may be completed by students on weekends.

There should be regular liaison between teachers and parents in regard to the completion of home learning activities.

A general guide to the activities set by the school for each level:

PREP

Reading to and with parents each night

Commonly used words

Activities as listed in Individual Learning Plans

Activities such as:

- maths in the home
- awareness of print in the environment
- playing board games, card games, I spy etc.

Up to 30 minutes per night for school related activities.

GRADES 1 & 2

Reading to and with parents each night
Language and maths activities/games
Consolidation and extension of classroom activities
Activities as listed in Individual Learning Plans

Up to 30 minutes per night for school related activities.

GRADES 3 & 4

Reading - oral and independent
Language and maths activities/games
Automatic response to number facts
Consolidation and extension of classroom activities
Activities as listed in Individual Learning Plans

Up to 30 minutes per night for school related activities.

GRADES 5 & 6

Reading- oral and independent
Language and maths activities/games
Consolidation and extension of classroom activities
Activities as listed in Individual Learning Plans
Use of diaries as a means of regular communication

Up to 30-45 minutes per night for school related activities.

EVALUATION

- Teachers and parents to monitor relevance and structure of home learning tasks and the development of skills such as: organisation, time-management, self-discipline, skills in using resources and taking responsibility for learning.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's policy review cycle.