

HOMEWORK POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact [insert school contact details].

PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Pascoe Vale North'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 PVN.

RATIONALE

PVN 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.
- 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 PVN 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.

Homework that teachers at PVN will set across the year levels are:

Prep

Reading take home books with Reading Goal & Prompt Questions/supports

Reading for pleasure (books from library)

Word Recognition of HFW

Counting Practice/Number Facts + & -

Year 1/2

Reading take home books with Reading Goal & Prompt Questions/supports

Reading for pleasure (books from library)

Word Recognition of HFW

Practise spelling words (PLD)

Counting Practice/Number Facts + & -

Optional: Completing consolidation exercises for mathematics – ‘My Numeracy’

Year 3 – 6

Reading take home books with Reading Goal & Prompt Questions/supports

Reading for pleasure (books from library)

Practise spelling words (PLD)

Counting Practice/Learning Multiplication and Division Facts

Optional: Completing consolidation exercises for mathematics – ‘My Numeracy’

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 PVN** are to:

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

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at PVN** are to:

- set homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student’s skill level and age
- ensure homework tasks are purposeful – this means they are deliberately designed and planned to support student learning (so, they are not ‘busy work’ or where students ‘finish off’ work they did/could not complete in class)
- monitor completion of set homework tasks
- ensure the amount of homework set supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school hours
- 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
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities and part-time employment (for older students).

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
- discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home,
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

PVN 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)
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	August 2024
Consultation	Parent/Carer meeting & School Council
Approved by	Principal
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