

Moreton Downs SS



Homework Policy

2022

RATIONALE

Homework at Moreton Downs State School aims to be an educational enhancing experience by revising and practicing common concepts of literacy and numeracy. Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning and involve family members in their learning. The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle.

OBJECTIVES

At Moreton Downs State School we aim to provide homework that

- is effective in supporting learning
- is appropriate to the capability of the student and develops the student's independence as a learner
- allows for student commitment to recreational, family, sporting and cultural activities
- does not disadvantage students due to a lack of access to resources

TYPES OF HOMEWORK

Literacy and Numeracy skills are the key areas covered as part of the homework program. A gradual increase in the time spent on homework has been adopted to create more demand and challenge as the children move through the year levels.

PREP	Year 1	Year 2 & 3	Year 4 & 5	Year 6
Reading	Reading Spelling Math activities	Reading Spelling Math activities	Reading Spelling Math activities Research work	Reading Spelling Math activities Research/Project work
No set time allocation for Prep	Maximum time 15 minutes daily	Maximum time 25 minutes daily	Maximum time 30 minutes daily	Maximum time 45 minutes daily
	60 minutes per week	60 minutes per week	2 hours per week	3 hours per week

Teachers may also send home any class work that was incomplete during that day or project work that is current. Students will be required to complete this work as part of their homework routines.

Parents may request supplementary activities from their class teacher to complete with their children on a voluntary basis or due to extended absences.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Teachers:

- Review/correct homework (not in key learning time) and provide timely and useful feedback to students.
- Explicitly teach strategies to develop organisational and time-management skills and providing opportunities to practice these.
- Give consideration to student's other academic and personal development activities (school based or other) when setting homework.

Students:

- Accept responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames.
- Follow up on comments made by teachers and seek assistance when difficulties arise.
- Organise time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities.

Parents/ Guardians

- Encourage your child to read daily.
- Help your children balance the amount of time spent completing homework, watching television, playing computer games, playing sport and engaging in other recreational activities.
- Contact your child's teacher to discuss any concerns about the nature of homework.