HOMEWORK POLICY

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office 5243 0820 mandama.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and school staff Mandama Primary School's expectations for homework and at-home learning.

SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Mandama Primary School.

RATIONALE

Mandama Primary School 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
- providing opportunities for students to prepare for future lessons
- encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- 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

Mandama Primary School acknowledges that homework should be tailored and adapted to suit the personal and developmental needs of students. Teachers at Mandama Primary School will provide reading material to support students to select and read appropriate texts.

Teachers at Mandama are encouraged to exercise their discretion in assigning tasks that are appropriate for their students and most likely to be meaningful. This may comprise of tasks such as reading, practice exercises or extension assignments.

Prep to Year 6 – **'Every Child, Every Night'** - Mandama promotes all students reading, every school night. The objective of homework should be to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been introduced during class time. It is also intended to introduce the concepts of self-discipline and responsibility.

Homework will consist of daily reading to, with, or by parents/carer or older siblings (minimum of 20 minutes a night).

Prep to Year 4

Students are generally not expected to complete more than 30 minutes of homework per day, and no homework tasks will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays.

Year 5 to Year 6

Assigned homework tasks will include daily independent reading and may include revision of class work. Students are generally not expected to spend more than 45 minutes per day on homework, and no homework tasks will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays.

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.

Leaders at Mandama Primary School will:

- 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
- make the Homework Policy available to parents on the Mandama Primary School website

Teachers at Mandama Primary School will:

- provide reading material to support students to select and read appropriate texts
- monitor home reading by checking reading journals once a week
- develop personal reading goals with each student to support home reading
- ensure parents/carers are aware of the school's homework policy
- develop strategies within the school to support parents and carers becoming active partners in homework

It is expected that students will take responsibility for their own learning by:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing with their parents/carers homework expectations
- 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

It is expected that parents/carers will support their children by:

- developing and providing a positive and productive approach to homework
- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational activities
- reading to them, talking with them and involving them in learning opportunities during everyday household routines and physical activity
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- keeping a record of their home reading activities
- discussing homework, in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home, and linking it to previous experiences
- ensuring there is a quiet area to complete their reading

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Mandama Primary School 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
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Homework – Department Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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