



# Bungaree Primary School Homework Policy



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the office on 5334 0253.

## Purpose

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

## Rationale

Bungaree 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; and
- 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 Bungaree Primary School 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.

The types of homework that teachers at Bungaree Primary School might include are:

- completing consolidation exercises for mathematics
- completing science investigation exercises
- making or designing an artwork
- practising and playing musical instruments
- practising spelling words
- practising sports skills
- practising words/phrases learnt in a language other than English

- reading background material for a subject
- reading English texts prior to class discussion
- reading for pleasure
- researching topics associated with set class work
- revising/preparing for tests
- applying new skills to home context such as:
  - planning and cooking food, including following a recipe
  - helping to plan a day trip or holiday, including timings, directions and costs
  - growing plants
  - reviewing their favourite film or book
  - writing a diary entry
- engaging with parents in learning activities such as:
  - rehearsing a presentation with parent/carers, and seeking their feedback
  - interviewing a family member as part of a research project.

**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;
- in dialogue, linking homework to:
  - previous experiences the child and/or parent/carer may have had;
  - family culture(s), history(ies) and language(s);
  - relevant services, clubs, associations and community.
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

**Support for Students and Parent/Carers**

Bungaree 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:

- Provided to staff at induction
- Discussed at staff meetings/briefings as required
- Made available publicly on our school website
- Included as annual reference in school newsletter
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request.

**Related Policies and Resources**

- [Homework - Department Policy](#)

**Policy Review and Approval**

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