

HOMework POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

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PURPOSE

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

RATIONALE

Sunshine Harvester 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

At Sunshine Harvester 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.

The types of homework that teachers at Sunshine Harvester Primary School will include are:

- reading for pleasure
- engaging in online literacy and numeracy games and activities
- practising spelling words
- researching topics associated with set class work
- applying new skills to home context such as:
 - o planning and cooking food, including following a recipe

- o helping to plan a day trip or holiday, including timings, directions and costs
 - o reviewing their favourite film or book
- engaging with parents in learning activities such as:
 - o rehearsing a presentation with parent/carers, and seeking their feedback
 - o interviewing a family member as part of a research project.

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 Sunshine Harvester Primary School** are to:

- 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.

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at Sunshine Harvester Primary School** 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 by providing additional opportunities to practise a skill already taught in class.
- assess homework and provide timely and practical feedback
- ensure the amount of homework set supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school , not exceeding 30 minutes a day.

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
- following up on comments made by teachers
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise.

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), and encouraging their child to attempt the work independently before providing support
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Sunshine Harvester 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:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

The Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):

[*Homework Policy*](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	29.04.2023
Approved by	Principal in consultation with School Council
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