



# FLAGSTONE CREEK STATE SCHOOL

## HOMework POLICY

*Developed in consultation with the school community; parents, staff, students.*

We believe, homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation and cultural pursuits and employment.

Homework is most effective when it:

- is related to class work
- is appropriate to particular years of schooling
- is varied and differentiated to individual learning needs
- consolidates, revises and/or applies students' classroom learning
- develops students' independence as a learner
- assists students to prepare for upcoming classroom learning, such as collecting relevant materials and information and completing surveys
- is monitored by the teacher

### Flagstone Creek State School Homework Guidelines

#### Early Phase of Learning (Prep to Year 2)

In the early phase of learning all activities at home or in play can assist children to develop literacy, numeracy and problem-solving skills.

Homework tasks may include:

- Daily reading to, with, and by parents, caregivers or other family members
- Linking reading and mathematics concepts with familiar activities such as shopping, preparation of food, local environment and family outings
- Conversations about what is happening at school
- Preparation for oral presentations
- Opportunities to write for meaningful purposes

#### Middle Phase (Year 3 to 6)

In the Middle Phase some homework can be completed daily and/or over a weekly period and may:

- Include daily independent reading
- Include revision of mathematics concepts
- Be coordinated across different subject areas, for instance, Music, LOTE, PE, Instrumental Music
- Include extension of class work, projects and research

#### Expectations of our parents regarding homework

- Parents are asked to support this model of homework and communicate any issues with class teachers. Parents play an active role in supporting their child's education and this homework, particularly the home reading, help your child be an active and successful student.

#### Expectations of our students regarding homework

- Students are taught and encouraged (by parents and teachers) to become self-responsible in developing study habits outside of school.
- Students are expected to complete homework tasks and hand in on time.