

HOMework

POLICY

Rationale:

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

The Walwa School Community values homework.

Homework helps to strengthen the link between home and school. It should be seen by teachers, students, parents and carers as a vital part of the home-school partnership which supports young people while they learn.

The purpose of homework, like school work, is learning. Homework is important for students of all ages, as it helps them build on what they have already learnt in the classroom, and assists in preparation and routine for the next stage of learning and aims to develop a sense of responsibility.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop an understanding of the importance of self learning, self discipline and responsibility.

Implementation:

- ♦ communicate with parents about areas of concern related to homework and in the celebration of achievements
- ♦ Students will be given instruction on the concept of basic time management for themselves, so that they understand about scheduling their time and how best to manage their homework.
- ♦ assess homework to determine achievement and attainment of desired outcomes

Early Years (Prep – Year 4)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- formal reading activities to, with and by parents.
- gathering of additional information or materials to support units of study
- worksheets designed to reinforce classroom activities in numeracy and literacy (year 2)
- enrichment or additional work which can be requested by parents or students
- Numeracy and Humanities worksheets which will be handed out on a Monday for completion by Thursday or Friday of the same week (Year 3 and 4)

Note: Homework will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

Middle Years (Years 5 – 6)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- formal reading activities to, with and by parents. Independent reading on a daily basis will be encouraged
- gathering of additional information or materials to support units of study
- enrichment or additional work which can be requested by parents or students
- Numeracy and Humanities worksheets which will be handed out on a Monday for completion by Thursday or Friday of the same week (Year 5 and 6)

Note: Homework will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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