

Appendix 4:

Homework Policy

Homework guidelines for Queensland state schools were released in July 2006 and aimed to assist children establish a balanced lifestyle that allows time for activities with family and friends. In line with the guidelines, our school has reviewed our existing homework policy.

Purposes of Homework

- To provide an extension, revision or completion of classroom work.
- To assist with communication to parents.

Time Allocations for Homework

Prep to Year 3

For our younger students, it is important that parents become involved by reading books to them and encouraging them in a range of activities.

- Prep Year- generally students will not be set formal homework
- Homework in Years 1,2 & 3 could be up to - but generally not more than - an hour each week

Year 4 – Year 6

For the older students, parents can help them balance the amount of time spent completing homework, playing sport and socialising.

- Homework in Years 4 & 5 could be up to - but generally not more than **1-2** hours each week
- Homework in Years 6 could be up to - but generally not more than **2-3** hours each week

At Sunnybank Hills State School we believe that:

- Homework should not be a source of tension and conflict within the family.
- Clear and honest communication between teachers, students and parents is very important to ensure students reach their full potential. If a student has difficulty with the content of any homework parents are encouraged to inform the teacher of the concern.

In line with John Hattie's research findings, homework activities should:

- cater for individual differences
- be engaging
- be aimed at an independent working level
- be corrected the day they are due
- include a home reading component