



Rasmussen State School Homework Policy 2020



It is an expectation of the Rasmussen State School community that all students abide by our Homework Policy. Homework at Rasmussen State School is by request only. Parents/Caregivers are asked to approach teachers to discuss the homework requirements of the student prior to any homework being set and/or provided. **If there is not parent request no homework will be supplied.**

Note: 10-20mins of Reading is the Minimum expectation every night.

An application to enrol at Rasmussen State School is taken as acceptance of this policy.

Rationale

Our School Community believes if homework is requested by parents/caregivers it provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involves family members in their learning. Homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation and cultural pursuits.

If homework is requested it should enhance student learning by:

- being purposeful and relevant to the student's needs;
- being appropriate to the phase of learning (early, middle and upper);
- being appropriate to the capability of the student;
- developing the student's independence as a learner;
- being varied, challenging and clearly related to class work; and
- allowing for student commitment to sporting, family and cultural activities

Purpose

Homework engages students in a variety of ways to complement work undertaken in class through:

- revision and critical reflection to consolidate learning (practising for mastery)
- applying knowledge and skills in new contexts (a topic of interest, an authentic local issue)
- pursuing knowledge individually and imaginatively (investigating, researching, writing, designing, making)
- preparing for forthcoming classroom learning (collecting relevant materials, items, information)

Homework schedule

Student time spent on homework weekly is as follows:

- P-3: Could be up to but generally not more than 30mins per week.
- Years 4-6: Could be up to but generally not more than 1 hour per week.

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Homework Non-Compliance

Students will not be issued a school based consequence for homework non-compliance as homework is only provided at the request of a parent/caregiver. Therefore consequences for failure to complete homework tasks will be at the discretion of parents/caregivers.

The DETA Homework policy is located at
<http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/pdf/homeworkpolicy.pdf>