
ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL HOMEWORK POLICY

1. PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS

Homework comprises educational activities set by teachers. Homework complements and reinforces classroom learning, and fosters good lifelong study habits. The activities set as homework also encourage parents to become aware of and involved in their children's learning in partnership with the school.

2. GUIDELINES

2.1 Homework expectations will be communicated to parents at the beginning of the school year through year level newsletters, information nights and the Homework Policy.

2.2 Year level teacher teams will set homework activities which will be:

- appropriate to the student's skill level and age.
- purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum.
- interesting, challenging and when appropriate open ended.
- assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided.
- balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities.

2.3 We, at EHPS will ensure that successful homework practices are in place for the different year levels.

2.3.1 In Prep to Year 4, homework:

- should not be seen as a chore.
- enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials.
- will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings.
- will, generally, not exceed 30 minutes a day or be set on weekends or during vacations.

2.3.2 In Years 5 and 6, homework:

- should include daily independent reading
- may extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- will generally range from 30 to 45 minutes a day.

2.4 Teachers will ensure that upper primary school students use homework diaries to provide a regular communication between parents and the school. Diaries may be electronic.

2.5 Teachers will follow up with parents if a student regularly fails to complete homework.

2.6 Set homework will be reviewed by the class teacher, with appropriate feedback to the students.

3. REFERENCES:

DEECD Homework Guidelines -

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/guidelines.aspx>

DEECD Homework Expectations:

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