



HOMework

POLICY (ongoing)

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.
- Learning takes place in all aspects of life.
- Students benefit from completing homework regularly. It reinforces the elements of successful life-long learning: Organisation, Time Management, Persistence, Self-discipline

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To provide an opportunity for parents to be involved in their child's education
- To develop life-long learning skills and responsibility for self-learning.

Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities will be purposeful, meaningful and consolidate current classroom learning.
- Homework activities will be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- Homework will not require additional home resources which may disadvantage some students.
- Students are expected to take responsibility for the management & completion of set homework.
- Teachers will monitor the completion of set homework each week.
- Teachers will monitor home reading diaries each day.
- Any homework issues will be followed up by the classroom teacher in reports and at student led conferences.
- Parents sign their involvement in the homework program at the start of the year at interviews (see homework agreement proforma)

Early Years (Prep – Year 2)

Homework will consist of:

- Daily home reading and recording in diary
- Weekly spelling words (Oxford sight word list)

Early Years (Year 3 -4)

Homework will consist of:

- Daily home reading and recording in diary
- Weekly spelling words
- Weekly homework sheet (pasted in homework book)

Middle Years (Years 5 – 6)

Homework will consist of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis
- Weekly spelling words
- Extension of class work: projects, assignments, essays and research

It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

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

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Dear Parents,

As per the Melrose Primary School Homework Policy, students are expected to complete set homework tasks each night/week. This will include a minimum of 20 minutes nightly reading of their current reading level. Each week there will be set activities including maths, literacy and spelling words.

Our expectations are that homework will be completed in the set homework book, with neat, legible writing and presentation. Parents are expected to encourage their child to work on homework tasks each night, to foster lifelong learning skills of: organisation, time management, persistence, and self-discipline.

Homework is handed out and returned every _____ . Please return the attached form to your child's area teacher and contact them if you have any questions.

Homework Permission Years 3-6

Family Name Area

I agree for my child to be part of the homework programme.

I will support my child and the class teacher by monitoring his/her completion of work. I will notify my child's teacher when this is not possible.

OR

I DO NOT agree to my child participating in the homework program

because

Signed

Date



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Dear Parents,

As per the Melrose Primary School Homework Policy, students are expected to complete set homework tasks each night/week. This will include a minimum of 10 minutes nightly reading of their current reading level book. Other activities may include handwriting, spelling, reading sight words and extension of class work.

Your child will need to bring his/her home reading folder to school every day. Children are given 10 minutes of classroom time each day to change their home reading book. During this time your child's teacher will check home reading diaries and listen to individual children read.

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Homework Permission Years P-2

Family Name Area

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