



KVPS Homework Policy 2020

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and school staff at KVPS expectations for homework and at-home learning.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting homework.

POLICY:

KVPS acknowledges that homework should be tailored and adapted to suit the personal and developmental needs of students. Teachers at KVPS are encouraged to exercise their discretion in assigning tasks that are appropriate for their students and most likely to be meaningful.

Homework should 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

IMPLEMENTATION:

In Prep to 4

In the early years, the objective of homework should be to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been introduced during class time (or to prepare the students for concepts that will be taught within the classroom). It is also intended to introduce the concepts of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare them for the upper grades.

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Daily reading to, with and by parents/carers or older siblings
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities
- Gathering of additional information or materials
- Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day or be set on weekends or during vacations

In Years 5 and 6

In the upper year levels, the objective of homework is to build on the concepts of self-discipline, responsibility and initiative to prepare students for secondary school.

Homework will consist mainly of:

- ✚ Independent reading on a daily basis

Other tasks could include :

- ✚ Numeracy work (consolidation exercises and extension work)
- ✚ Correction or improvement of previous incomplete classwork
- ✚ Preparation for class presentations
- ✚ Teachers should display clear expectations for task completion

Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day and may be set during weekend and school vacations

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

Shared expectations and responsibilities

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

KVPS support students by:

- ✚ fostering lifelong learning and connecting families with the learning of their children, as part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian schools
- ✚ ensuring the school's homework policy is relevant to the needs of students
- ✚ advising parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and providing them with a copy of the homework policy through the school website
- ✚ encouraging parents/carers of early primary school aged children to read to and with their children for enjoyment
- ✚ ensuring that students use diaries to provide a regular communication between parents and the school.

Teachers at KVPS will:

- ✚ help students develop organisational and time-management skills
- ✚ ensure parents/carers are aware of the school's homework policy
- ✚ develop strategies within the school to support parents and carers becoming active partners in homework

It is expected that students will take responsibility for their own learning by:

- ✚ being aware of the school's homework policy
- ✚ discussing with their parents/carers homework expectations
- ✚ accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- ✚ organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities to meet homework expectations

This policy was adapted from the DET Homework Guidelines. For more information regarding homework please see: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/guidelines.aspx>

- ✚ School Policy and Advisory Guide:
 - [Homework Guidelines](#)
 - [Homework Expectations](#)

EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle, or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

THIS POLICY IS AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING PLATFORMS:

School website, Policies folder on Sentral and Kilberry Valley Primary School Council Policy Records

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FEEDBACK:

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