



Kilberry Valley Primary School Homework Policy



Help for non-English speakers

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Purpose

To outline to our school community the Department's and Kilberry Valley Primary School's policy requirements relating to homework.

Scope

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Kilberry Valley Primary School.

RATIONALE

Kilberry Valley Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge - possible to combine with the first one - new knowledge and skills.
- providing opportunities for students to prepare for future lessons
- encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers. - should this include all stakeholders - including schools

DEFINITIONS

Homework is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

POLICY

At Kilberry Valley Primary School all homework set by teachers will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned
- appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- monitored by the teacher
- where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.

The types of homework that teachers at Kilberry Valley Primary School may include are:

- completing consolidation exercises for mathematics
- reading for pleasure
- practising spelling words and/or phonics
- researching topics associated with class investigations or project
- journal writing
- rehearsing a presentation with parent/carers, and seeking their feedback
- interviewing a family member as part of a research project.

In the early years, Kilberry Valley Primary School acknowledges that the objective of home learning is to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been taught during class time.

In the middle years, Kilberry Valley Primary School acknowledges that the objective of home learning is learning is to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been taught during class time and to introduce the concepts of self-discipline and responsibility.

In the upper year levels, Kilberry Valley Primary School acknowledges that the objective of home learning is to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been taught during class time and continue to develop self-discipline, responsibility and initiative to prepare students for secondary school.

The following table outlines homework expectations for Kilberry Primary School students.

Foundation	Grade 1/2	Grade 3/4	Grade 5/6
<p>Reading - Activities based on the sound for the week/ heart words / decodable sentences (10 mins).</p> <p><i>*Nightly Reading -As the year progresses, decodable books will be sent home.</i></p>	<p>Reading - Nightly reading of decodable text (10-15mins). Reading to be recorded in students' Home Reading Journal.</p>	<p>Reading - Nightly reading (15-20 minutes) - recorded in journal/diary</p> <p>Mathematics - A consolidating number task linked to weekly focus.</p> <p>*Project related tasks (Certain times in year)</p>	<p>Reading – Nightly Reading (20 minutes) recorded in journal/diary</p> <p>Mathematics - A consolidating number task linked to weekly focus.</p> <p>*Project related tasks (Certain times in year)</p>

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.

Responsibilities and expectations for **leaders** at Kilberry Valley Primary School are to:

- advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy.

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers** at Kilberry Valley Primary School are to:

- set homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- ensure homework tasks are purposeful
- consider a healthy balance between homework and recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school hours
- offer opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning.

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

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

Responsibilities and expectations for **parents/carers** are:

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home
- in dialogue, linking homework to:
 - previous experiences the child and/or parent/carer may have had
 - family culture(s), history(ies) and language(s)
 - relevant services, clubs, associations and community.
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

SUPPORT for students and parents/carers

Kilberry Valley Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.



RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

THIS POLICY IS AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING PLATFORMS:

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

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FEEDBACK:

Kilberry Valley Primary School staff and parents/carers may provide feedback about this document by emailing Kilberry.valley.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au