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Policy Statement

Floraville Public School's Homework Policy is based on the NSW Department of Education's Homework Policy [2020]. <https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/homework-policy>

This policy has been compiled as a result of quantitative and qualitative data gathered from surveys as well as staff and P&C consultation.

This document aims to provide clear guidelines about homework expectations at Floraville Public School to our community, staff and students.

Rationale

Floraville Public School aims to inspire a life-long love of learning through 21st Century pedagogy, supported by quality research and DoE policies.

Research about homework is inconclusive. There is no consistent evidence that homework lifts academic performance. A notable exception to this is home reading, which research consistently finds contributes significantly to student academic success, particularly across aspects of literacy. At Floraville, we do see some correlation within our students between those who consistently complete homework tasks and their academic growth.

Implementation

For the purposes of this policy, "homework is defined as any task assigned by a teacher intended for students to carry out during non-school hours" [DoE Homework Policy: Guidelines].

At Floraville, students are encouraged to develop some responsibility for their learning through the completion of some tasks independently at home. These tasks are meant to be age and ability appropriate, reinforcing concepts that have already been taught in class.

- Homework is typically set for weeknights, Monday to Thursday.
- A homework free week is recognised by all classes in the first and last week of each school term, with the exception of the continuation of regular home reading.
- Homework will take varying amounts of time to complete, depending upon the learner, the context and the nature of the activity.

Homework for Kindergarten [target of 15 minutes per night]

Across the week, students in Kindergarten are encouraged to engage in Reading Eggs and Mathletics tasks. Daily revision of word lists and phonics is recommended. Nightly home reading is an expectation.

Homework for Stage 1 [target of 20 minutes per night]

Across the week, students in Stage 1 are encouraged to engage in Reading Eggs, Mathletics and spelling tasks. Nightly home reading is an expectation. Students may provide their teacher with a self-assessment of their homework. Teachers will monitor and check homework weekly.

Homework for Stage 2 & 3 [target of 25-30 minutes per night]

Daily reading and Mathletics tasks are an expectation. Primary students are also encouraged to engage in Literacy Pro and times tables practice. Teachers will monitor and check homework weekly.

Our school recognises that many students also participate in a range of activities and have diverse experiences outside of school hours that may either enhance their learning or prevent the completion of set homework tasks on any given day.

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