Yinnar South Primary School

HOMEWORK POLICY

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Yinnar South Primary School

PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Yinnar South 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 Yinnar South Primary School.

RATIONALE

Yinnar South 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
- 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.

DEFINITIONS

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

POLICY

At Yinnar South 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 type of homework that teachers at Yinnar South Primary School may include are:

- 10 minutes of a take home reader
  - Where students will apply what they have learned in the classrooms (both junior and senior) and develop a love of reading and Literacy.

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 Yinnar South 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 Yinnar South 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 – this means they are deliberately designed and planned to support student learning (so, they are not 'busy work' or where students 'finish off' work they did/could not complete in class)
- assess homework and provide timely and practical feedback
- 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
- ask for help when needed

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

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Yinnar South 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.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website

- Discussed at staff meetings

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES
- Homework – Department Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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