



Girraween Primary School Homework Policy

Rationale:

At Girraween Primary, we believe that homework assists the student in developing positive habits of being organised and self-disciplined. It can benefit students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing opportunities for students to be responsible for their own learning. Homework is seen as a beneficial activity when directly related to classroom learning. It enables parents/guardians to develop an awareness of classroom practice and expectations and allows them to be actively involved in their child’s learning. We recognise that many families have time commitments with sport and community activities, and we do not feel that homework should cause conflict or friction at home.

Aims:

- To enable parents to play an active role in the child’s learning and understand what is taking place at school.
- To encourage children to take responsibility for ongoing learning.
- To develop, reinforce and practise skills to support classroom learning.
- To develop the child’s organisational and time-management skills.
- For students to enjoy, have fun and experience success.
- To provide opportunities for students to develop positive work habits.

Implementation:

- The school’s homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Parents are to communicate with teachers if homework is causing any concerns.
- Teachers will prepare homework, as required, that suits the needs of the children in their classes. Teachers will communicate homework expectations in their term letter.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.

At Girraween, homework will take **one or a combination** of the following forms:

- oral language tasks, reading, writing, spelling, Reading Eggs, learning of basic number and multiplication facts, and IXL
- revision/consolidation of work previously taught in class
- completion of unfinished class work
- work towards the completion of a special project being done both in the class and at home.

Year level suggested homework times:

Transition	Year 1–2	Year 3–4	Year 5–6
5–10 min per night	5–10 mins per night	15–20 mins per night	20–30 min per night

Evaluation:

Reviewed by School Council: 2017

Next review: 2019