

Hamilton North PS Homework Policy

Rationale:

- Homework can benefit students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and provide an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.

Implementation:

- An information night for parents will be held in the early part of term 1 when homework routines will be explained and the homework policy made available.
- Homework may be set at the discretion of the class teacher and will take into account the needs and the age of the students.
- Any set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum. They should be designed to reinforce and consolidate classroom learning. Homework tasks should not involve new learning but should reinforce learning that has already been completed in the classroom. Unfinished class work should be completed at school at the discretion of the teacher and not sent home.

Content

Examples of homework tasks could include:

- Reading activities. These may be independent or reading to or with an adult.
- Learning of appropriate high frequency spelling words
- Completing Big Write talk homework once per two weeks
- Gathering of additional information or materials
- Practising skills through Mathletics and other computer programs
- Completing set homework tasks that reinforce recent learning.
- Practising number facts.
- Homework tasks should be designed so that stress and anxiety for student or parent/guardian is avoided.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....	
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