



Homework policy

Purpose

To outline to our school community the Department's and Apollo Parkways 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 Apollo Parkways Primary School.

Rationale

Homework is an important link in the learning process as it serves to reinforce what is taught at school. Homework is set by the classroom teacher, designed to be purposeful and occur during non-school hours. The intention of homework is to build skills in our students by complementing classroom learning, and providing opportunities for students to be responsible for their own education. Homework may assist in the development of organisational skills and children taking responsibility for their own learning.

Apollo Parkways Primary School has developed this Homework Policy 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

Policy

At Apollo Parkways Primary School all homework set by teachers will be:

- purposeful and 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 Apollo Parkways Primary School will include are:

Preps & Grade 1

Homework **will** include:

- Daily home reading of assigned texts with parents/carers (five nights per week)

Homework **may** include:

- simple reinforcement tasks associated with classroom activities
- gathering of additional information or materials related to current inquiry focus
- preparing for speaking and listening tasks



Grades 2 & 3

Homework **will** include:

- Daily home reading of assigned texts with parents / carers (five nights per week)

Homework **may** include:

- simple reinforcement tasks associated with classroom activities
- gathering of additional information or materials related to current inquiry focus
- preparing for speaking and listening tasks
- Reading Eggs / Eggspress
- Mathletics

Grades 4, 5 and 6

Homework **will** include:

- Daily home reading of texts with parents / carers or independent reading (five nights per week)

Homework **may** include:

- simple reinforcement tasks associated with classroom activities
- tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects, assignments, and research related to current inquiry focus
- preparing for speaking and listening tasks
- Reading Eggs / Eggspress
- Literacy Planet
- Mathletics

Family Extended Holidays

If a family decides to take family holidays outside of school holiday time, this is considered parent choice and teachers will not be supplying students with extra homework.

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 **teachers at Apollo Parkways 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
- assess homework and provide timely and practical feedback
- ensure the amount of homework set supports a student to engage with a range of 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:

- discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames



- following up on comments made by teachers
- 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:

- encourage nightly reading
- 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
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

Support for Students and Parents/Carers

Apollo Parkways 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.

Review period

This policy was last updated on April 2021 and is scheduled for review on April 2025.