



## BLACKBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK

### RATIONALE

Homework provides an opportunity for the continued development of the partnership in education between the home and the school.

### PURPOSE:

Homework:

- complements and reinforces classroom learning
- fosters sound lifelong learning and study habits
- provides an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning
- reaffirms the role of parents/caregivers as partners in education

### GUIDELINES

Homework should be:

- appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- interesting and challenging and where appropriate, be open ended
- purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
- assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided

Co-ordinators will be responsible for:

- homework requirements at each Level across the school
- clearly explaining at Information Night, the homework expectations at their Level
- publishing the homework expectations
- ensuring that completed homework is assessed by teachers at their Level

Teachers will:

- ensure that students in their care understand the expectations of the homework routine
- explain the task(s) clearly when homework is distributed
- assess completed homework and provide feedback and support
- encourage regular submission of homework

Parents/caregivers should:

- in partnership with the school, encourage their children to establish sound homework patterns from early Primary school
- provide where possible, a suitable environment where homework tasks can be undertaken
- encourage and support their children to complete homework
- communicate with teacher about any difficulties experienced by their child
- alert the school to any domestic or extracurricular activities which may need to be taken into consideration when homework is being set or corrected

Failure by students to complete homework tasks on a regular basis will be followed up with parents/caregivers.

### EVALUATION

The Education Committee will review the Homework policy each year or as the need arises, taking into account any feedback/communication received from the school community during the year.

**Level 1** Take home books (15—20 minute shared reading per night): Maths Share task (weekly)/Handwriting task (weekly)

**Level 2** Take home books (10 minutes per night)

**Level 3** - Reading (15 minutes), homework book and spelling (10 minutes), handwriting (5 minutes)

**Level 4**—Independent reading (15 minutes), homework book (15 minutes), spelling or grammar (15 minutes) or times tables or mathletics (15 minutes)

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