



# Hoddles Creek Primary School

## HOMEWORK

**Rationale:** The purpose of homework is to develop in our students a sense of responsibility and planning as well as to enhance the classroom program

**Guidelines:**

- Homework is to be set weekly across years Prep - 6.
- The recommended allocation of homework is:
  - **Grades Prep, 1 and 2**
    - Daily reading – at Prep Level this may include reading to or with children
    - Sight words for prep
    - Spelling for Grades 1 and 2
  - **Grades 3 and 4**
    - Daily reading with Reading Log record
    - Spelling
    - Numeracy with a focus on tables
  - **Grades 5 and 6**
    - Daily reading with Reading Log
    - Spelling
    - Weekly homework sheet which reflects current classroom programs and themes, given out on a seven day cycle (e.g. Monday – Monday)
- Homework will be corrected and returned to the children within a week of being handed in.
- Parents and teachers will be encouraged to make sure that homework set is completed, returned and assessed.
- Where appropriate, a Student Diary or Reading Log will be used by parents and teachers to sign off homework and reading every week.
- Students are expected to read **every** night and complete other set homework.
- Homework needs to support the acquisition of Literacy and Numeracy skills.
- Supplementary homework **may** be provided after negotiation with parents

**Implementation:**

- During the school year, the classroom teacher will explain the homework guidelines for their class and may send a letter home to parents/guardians of what is proposed for the terms.
- Materials required to complete homework will be provided by the school.
- Diaries or Reading Logs will be included in Book Boxes in years 2-6
- Parents will be expected to review and sign the diaries or reading logs at least weekly.
- The diary may be used by the parents to provide feedback and communicate with the teachers.
- **Consequences for incomplete or unsubmitted homework (all Grade Levels):**
  - Parents will be informed if homework is not being returned to school
  - If no action occurs, the class teacher will organize a meeting with the parent to discuss why homework is not being completed and returned, and to seek a solution
  - The classroom teacher and the parent will negotiate and agree on a suitable consequence, acknowledging that each situation may be unique and should be treated as such.

**Evaluation:**

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