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Woodlands Primary School

Homework Policy – Parent Information

Rationale

Homework reinforces and consolidates classroom learning and supports the development of independent learning habits. It encourages self-regulation, time management, and the establishment of effective routines. Homework also strengthens the school–home partnership and provides opportunities for revision and purposeful practice. At Woodlands Primary School, homework is purposeful, balanced, and age appropriate.

General Expectations

Students are encouraged to:

- Read regularly every day
- Practise a musical instrument (if applicable)
- Complete unfinished classwork if required
- Engage with tasks set by the teacher



Focus areas:

- Building self-regulation
- Developing time management and learning routines

Homework Expectations by Year Level

Kindergarten & Pre-primary

- PLD decodable readers sent home
- News sharing included in the home–school routine
- Focus on enjoyment of reading
- Parents are encouraged to read to children, discuss stories, and support role-play or re-reading

Years 1–2

- Decodable readers for fluency
- PLD readers for enjoyment and comprehension
- News sharing
- Basic facts and number fluency practice
- Consolidation tasks may be sent home based on individual need

Years 3–4

- Home reading: 4 sessions/week, 15-30minutes
- Reading for enjoyment (library books) and one comprehension card per week
- Reading log linked to comprehension card - signed by parent
- Comprehension card questions - respond to questions orally to parent
- Comprehension card sent home on library day
- Basic facts: Times tables booklet one page to be completed per week

Years 5–6

- Home reading: 4 sessions/week, 15–30 minutes
- Reading for enjoyment
- One reading comprehension task per week
- Reading log signed by parent (weekly)
- One maths fluency task per week
- Incomplete classwork and needs-based consolidation tasks
- News books and writing tasks as required
- Teachers will share homework expectations at parent information sessions

****For students in Year 5 and 6, regular homework will help build the study habits and time management skills needed for high school, where students are expected to complete a minimum of 30 minutes of homework each day from Year 7 onwards.**



"Reading with your child, asking questions, and talking about their day are powerful ways to support learning at home—even more than completing worksheets."
— Inspired by studies on home–school partnerships (Hattie, 2009)