



# Marrickville Public School Homework Policy

## Rationale

Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Additionally, it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline.

## Policy Statement

This policy aims to follow the [Homework Policy: Guidelines](#) and work with our school and community to promote learning and engagement for all students. Our homework policy acknowledges out of school hours commitments of students and families.

## Implementation

Stage	Approximate time per day	Homework expectations
Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)	10 minutes Thurs-Wed	Take Home Reading Mathseeds, Reading Eggs
Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)	15 minutes Thurs-Wed	Take Home Reading Mathseeds, Mathletics, Reading Eggs
Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)	20-30 minutes Thurs-Wed	Independent reading Mathletics, spelling activity
Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6)	30 minutes Thurs-Wed	Independent reading Mathletics, spelling activity

\* Optional activities include Soundwaves, or activities linked to other learning areas such as PDHPE, Creative Arts, Science and Technology, History or Geography. Marrickville Public School does recognise the importance of homework activities to consolidate learning outcomes in the classroom and all grade levels K-6 do participate in homework. Although completion of homework is not compulsory, it is encouraged and valued at the school.



## Manageability

Homework expectations for each Stage will be communicated clearly to students. Parents/caregivers of students experiencing difficulties completing homework can be confident that these concerns can be discussed with the teacher, and that guidance and assistance will be provided.

## Teachers Responsibilities

- Acknowledge student effort in completing homework and provide timely and relevant feedback on achievement
  - For reading this will include acknowledgement of reading completed, notifying level adjustments (Take home Reading), supporting positive learning behaviours, and making connections between reading habits at home and school
- Ensure resources and materials are easily accessible for students
- Support students having difficulties with homework
- Discuss with students and parents/caregivers any developing issues regarding a student's homework
- Discuss homework practices with colleagues.

## Purpose of homework

The purpose of homework for students at Marrickville Public School is outlined below:  
Homework:

- is a valuable part of schooling
- allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class
- provides training for students in planning and organising their personal time – Parents/caregivers play a role in student development in this area
- develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources
- encourages habits of study, concentration and self-discipline which will serve students for the rest of their lives
- strengthens home-school links with parental support
- provides parents and caregivers with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their children.