



HOMEWORK POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Relevant homework supports a student's educational program and is a key strategy for connecting learning at home and at school. Homework is the choice of the parents of whether their child receives it or not. There is research that supports pro and anti-homework and may assist parents in making an informed decision about their child completing homework or not. The following link is one example of research that may assist:

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/curriculum/schools/homework/Hwk_Res%20scan.pdf

HOMEWORK AGREEMENT

By the end of week 1 term 1 each teacher will send a letter home to parents. The letter will contain a section where parents can choose for their students to either participate or not participate in homework throughout the year. Parents, who wish their children to receive homework, will then receive an agreement from the teacher stating the teacher, the students and parents homework obligations for the year.

If an agreement is signed the following responsibilities will be adhered to.

RESPONSIBILITIES

TEACHERS

- Set and mark homework that is relevant to the student's learning
- Inform students and parents of procedures and expectations
- Inform parents if students **have not** completed the required homework for 4 weeks per semester (half year)
- Following another week that semester when homework is not completed the teacher will **consider the agreement broken** and will notify the parent and **cease to set homework** for the particular student.

PARENTS

- Be aware of homework expectations and will discuss any issues with the teacher
- Support and assist their children with homework tasks
- Establish good homework routines
- Discuss individual needs of their children with the teacher

STUDENTS

- care for own homework book and folder and if damaged will replace
- complete homework as required
- hand in homework on time

REQUIREMENTS

- If homework is not handed in on the due day then it may not be marked.
- If readers are not returned new ones will not be issued.



At KSPS we will:

- Ensure homework is appropriate to the student's age and stage of schooling
- Support the development of the student's independence as a learner
- Further the partnership between school and home
- Ensure homework is relevant to the curriculum

Stage of Schooling	Expectations
Lower	Students begin homework in term 1 10 mins reading each day and 5 mins sight words
Middle	Students engage in a maximum of 30 mins of homework each day. This includes 15 mins of reading
Upper	Students engage in a maximum of 20mins of homework each day Students should read for enjoyment each day

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council November 2016