

Dernancourt School R-7 Homework Policy



Learning is a lifelong process and children benefit when families and schools work in partnership. At Dernancourt School R-7 we value the active support and involvement of parents in the education process; this includes regular work at home (homework) is undertaken.

RATIONALE

We believe that homework:

- Reaffirms the role of parents and caregivers as **partners** in education
- Provides parents and caregivers with **insights** into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their child
- Provides parents with opportunities to **share** in their child's learning
- Strengthens **home-school links**
- Allows for **practicing, extending and consolidating** work done in class
- Provides **training** for students in planning and organising their time
- Establishes **habits** of study, concentration and self-discipline which will serve students for the rest of their lives
- Provides students with opportunities to **complete tasks** begun in class
- Plays an **essential role** in children's learning and academic progress
- Is a **valuable** part of schooling

<p>R-2</p> <p>Reading is to be heard each night of the school week (using readers set by the teacher at a level which the child can read independently)</p> <p>Activities which relate to classroom programs (e.g. learning sight –words, spelling, preparing oral language presentations) may be set as required</p> <p>15-20 minutes/night</p>	<p>Formal homework may be limited in Reception. However, many activities at home and in play can assist a child to develop a wide range of knowledge and skills. Language and number concepts can be introduced and practised in many family activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopping • Reading and library borrowing • Writing letters and speaking with relatives on the phone • Listening to stories, learning songs and nursery rhymes • Conversations • Family outings • Some computer games and apps. • Playing card and board games with siblings • Collecting items like stamps, coins, things for oral presentations • Helping to prepare food 	
<p>Years 3 & 4</p> <p>Reading is to be heard each night of the school week (using readers set by the teacher at a level which the child can read in dependently).</p> <p>Children are also expected to practise spelling words and undertake other activities related to their curriculum as required.</p> <p>Numeracy practice should occur at least once a week.</p> <p>Homework averages out to no more than:</p> <p>Year 3 20-25 minutes/night Year 4 25-30 minutes/night</p>	<p>Years 5 & 6</p> <p>Reading for pleasure should be done each night; some students at least once a week.</p> <p>Children are also expected to practise spelling words and undertake other activities related to their curriculum as required.</p> <p>Numeracy practice should occur at least once a week.</p> <p>Homework averages out to no more than:</p> <p>Year 5 30-40 minutes/night Year 6 30—40 minutes/night</p>	<p>Year 7</p> <p>Reading for pleasure each night is desirable. Work not finished in class may be set as homework.</p> <p>Literacy homework should be worked on for up to 30 minutes a night until completed.</p> <p>Numeracy practice should occur at least once a week.</p> <p>Enquiry work may occur in some subjects or other activities related to curriculum as required.</p> <p>Homework averages out to no more than:</p> <p>Year 7 30-50 minutes/night</p>

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEACHERS

- Students are given opportunity to write homework in their diaries
- A realistic time expectation is placed on the completion of homework
- Where large projects (primary years and middle school students) are issued as homework, the written criteria for assessment are provided to the students at the start of the project.
- If homework is given, it is checked/checked and feedback is given (relative to the size of the homework)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS

- Students write their homework in diaries daily
- Primary and Middle School students will communicate with their teacher any issues early if there are any difficulties in completing the homework in the set time

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

- Parents encourage students to complete their homework and check their diaries daily
- Communicate any issues regarding home work with the classroom teacher
- Parents may chose to complete additional “homework” with their child at home

SOME ADVICE TO PARENTS

- **Communicate any concerns** with the class teacher as son as possible if your child is having difficulty with the content or the completion of homework
- Homework is best done at a **quiet time, set aside for homework** completion
- Completing homework in front of the **television is not recommended**
- Typically children will become more **independent** and **responsible** for their homework as they reach primary and middle school years, especially if **good habits** have been established in the early years.
- Any issues regarding the quantity or type of homework should be addressed per our School Grievance Policy.