

Yanchep Rise Primary School

Homework Policy



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Yanchep Rise Primary School Primary School strives for excellence. As such, we believe that homework, along with family, play and extracurricular activities is essential to develop the whole child and allow them to reach their full potential. Homework allows parents/carers to engage in their child's learning and assists in building a partnership between home and school.

We also believe that homework helps students establish a consistent routine, preparing them for the demands of secondary education.

This has had deep consideration from teaching staff, School Board and the P&C. We believe homework should:

- be set without impinging on reasonable time for family, recreational, cultural and employments pursuits relevant to the student's age, development and educational aspirations.
- be purposeful and linked to the learning needs of the student.
- support the student's independence as a learner.
- should be linked to learning that is currently enjoying focus in the classroom and not require additional resources that are not readily available in all homes.
- be based around the development of skills and concepts that are familiar to the students.
- further the partnership between school and home.
- be phased in gradually and consistently as students move through the years.
- disassociated from any form of punishing students or means of securing discipline.

Yanchep Rise PS recommends a **guide** to how much time should be allocated from Monday to Thursdays within each of the following phases of learning.

This belief is based on the above points.

Year Level	Time/Activity
K/PP	15-20 minutes – Reading (please see instructions as given by the teachers)
Year 1-3	20 minutes – Reading – sign off on the Reading Log 10 minutes – Mathematics task involving a game to play with parents
Year 4-6	20 minutes – Reading or Literacy task reviewing Grammar and Comprehension 20 minutes – Mathematics task Please note: Years 5/6 students will also be required to complete project based work throughout the year to allow them to develop skills essential for success in high school.

The following explains the type of homework that **MAY** be expected at Yanchep Rise Primary School:



Learning Area	Content	Purpose
Reading	10-20 minutes reading per night. Home readers are provided by the classroom teacher. Years 1 – 2 Students to write in and parents to sign Yanchep Rise Reading log as record of completion. Years 3 - 6 Students to write in and parents to sign Diary as record of completion. Year 5/6 students may also have additional comprehension or grammar tasks.	To practice reading strategies developed at school. To develop a habit of reading. To develop a love of reading. To engage parents in the progress of their children. To extend vocabulary and exposure to different reading materials.
Maths Task	Dependent on classroom and year level; however, the principle is the same.	To develop and improve maths understanding. Consolidate learning from school at home. Engage parents in the progress and learning of their children.
Projects Yrs 5/6	Usually linked to History and Geography.	Assist students to develop essential research and time management skills essential for high school.

The school encourages students and parents to discuss homework concerns with their classroom teacher. If required, they will negotiate an agreed routine that is manageable for the student, whilst still fulfilling Yanchep Rise Primary School's Homework Policy.

Homework is not designed to be tedious or overwhelming for students or parents/caregivers. Yanchep Rise Primary School acknowledges families out of school commitments and is committed to working with parents/caregivers to best support all children.