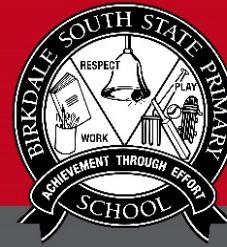


Birkdale South State School

Homework & Home Reading Policy



This is our Homework and Home Reading Policy. We will be consistent and effective when implementing this policy however, it does allow for flexibility for individual teachers. We endeavour to ensure our homework expectations are reasonable and fair, allowing for sufficient time for family, recreation and cultural activities. It is important to us that homework can be differentiated to individual learning needs and that no student is disadvantaged by the lack of access to resources.

HOMework

Birkdale South State School believes homework is an important instructional tool and should be part of the educational experience that supports students' efforts toward reaching proficiency related to the year level achievement standards. Homework is not a substitute for classroom instruction, nor is it used for disciplinary purposes or as a measure of rigour. Instead, homework is a continuation of school assignments and tasks that will reinforce content and skills learned in the classroom. It should occur in a quiet, uninterrupted environment conducive to independent study.

Homework will be assigned to meet one or more of the following purposes:

- Develop student independence as a learner
- Prepare for new learning
- Practice skills to increase speed and/or accuracy
- Consolidate/ revise/ apply students' classroom learning.

As a school:

- When assigning homework, we recognise the age and ability of the student and conditions that exist within the community that may hamper the homework process.
- We believe homework should be completed by the student using adult support when necessary.
- We encourage parents/caregivers to work closely with teachers and their children to enhance academic success.
- The effective use of homework should not require an unnecessary commitment of time on the part of the student or student's family.
- We would like students to take responsibility for their own learning by ensuring they have all the equipment required to complete tasks and by ensuring they are completed within the set time period.

HOME READING

Home reading is an integral part of homework and provides opportunities for students to reinforce strategies that they have developed at school and assists with developing reading stamina and encouraging a love of reading.

At Birkdale South State School:

- ALL students will have a reading goal which is to be supported by their home reading.
- ALL students will read at least 4 nights a week.
- Parents/carers will be provided with information to support their child and the work of the school, outlining strategies for helping students with home readers; sight words and tips and hints to broaden vocabulary etc.