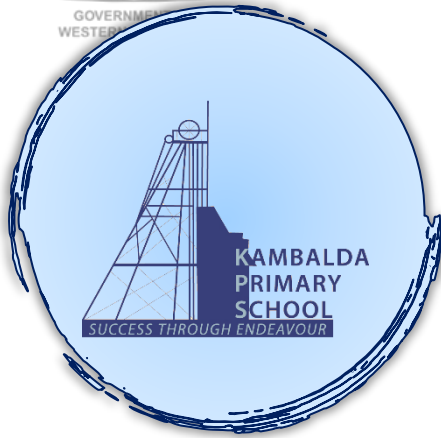




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KAMBALDA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Policy

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POLICY STATEMENT

Homework assists students by complementing and reinforcing the teaching and learning program. It provides students with the opportunity to develop positive, lifelong learning habits as well as reinforcing the importance of responsibility and independence. These guidelines sit within the context of the Department of Education Policy for Homework (available online at www.education.wa.edu.au).

AIMS OF HOMEWORK

- Support the development of the student's independence as a lifelong learner.
- Be appropriate for the student's level of development – consolidating and applying current learning.
- Strengthen the home-school partnership in supporting learning.
- Be able to be completed independently, (perhaps with the student seeking support by showing problem-solving initiative).
- Acknowledge the range of resources available to students.
- Acknowledge extra curricula commitments outside of school hours.
- Gradually phase in over the years.
- Include daily reading (aloud to parents in the early years).
- Receive acknowledgment and recognition (by the teacher).
- Always contribute positively towards motivating learning.

PARENT'S ROLE

- Assist with allocating and reinforcing a scheduled time for homework.
- Provide a suitable space to limit distractions.
- Maintain resources required – pencils, pens, scissors, etc.
- Discuss the homework requirements with their child.
- Praise, encourage and provide assistance as required.
- Insist on and support an appropriate level of independence and responsibility while homework is being completed.
- Resist taking responsibility for homework tasks.
- Communicate with the class teacher should concerns arise.
- Avoid coercion, bribery and arguments – see the teacher for alternative strategies to motivate your child if required.

STUDENT'S ROLE

- Attend to instructions about homework provided by the classroom teacher.
- Demonstrate initiative and problem-solving skills when attempting and completing homework.
- Accept the importance of homework in reinforcing learning skills taught in the classroom.
- Demonstrate responsibility by caring for materials required to complete homework, such as home readers, pencils, pens, etc.
- Submit homework according to the instructions of the teacher.
- Communicate as required with parents and share homework with them as appropriate.

TEACHER'S ROLE


- Ensure all set homework is understood and able to be completed by the student.
- Acknowledge the completion of homework and provide timely feedback to the student.
- Provide homework which challenges able students and supports those with learning difficulties.
- Include a variety of homework tasks to maintain student motivation and engagement.
- Provide communication to parents about homework requirements.
- Include discussions about homework in case conference for those students with Individual Education Plans.
- Be aware of circumstances which may prevent a child from completing homework tasks and consider these when providing feedback.
- Accept circumstances that may impact on the student's ability or capacity to complete homework tasks.


HOMEWORK CONTENT & PROCESSES

Homework routines will vary from class to class and over the year levels as indicated in the following table. Homework may not necessarily be set every night; however, it is desirable to encourage the habit of reading regularly each night

Year	Homework options
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared reading• PLD books and comprehension
Pre-Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared reading• PLD books and comprehension• Magic words (Semester 2)
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading• PLD• Magic words
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading• PLD• Magic words
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading• PLD• Magic words• Mathletics
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading• PLD• Magic words• Mathletics
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading• PLD• Magic words• Mathletics
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading• PLD• Magic words• Mathletics

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