



Coomandook Area School

"Striving To Make The Difference"

Homework Policy

The aim of homework, like school, is learning. Homework is considered important for all students attending Coomandook Area School. It is intended as a natural extension of class work and designed as a review of work covered at school. Four objectives lie behind the setting of homework.

- To reinforce the learning process encountered that day by use of practice and repetition.
- To establish habits of refreshing, reviewing and studying work.
- To foster individual study habits and routines in completing tasks and to facilitate time management skills.
- To complete class work.

Research carried out in Australia and overseas shows a positive link between the time spent by students on out-of-class study and improvement in student achievement.

Homework helps to provide a partnership between home and school.

Parents can help by:

- Supporting students in completing homework tasks;
- Providing, if possible, a dedicated place and desk for homework and study;
- Assisting teachers to monitor homework by signing the diary weekly;
- Communicating with teachers about any concerns with homework or their child's approach to homework.

The role of the teacher is to provide relevant and consistent homework tasks and to correct, encourage and recognise efforts made by students.

As a guide, Coomandook Area School recommends the following suggestions for home study. The times given are recommended minimum times to be spent.

Primary School

- Reception : Reading to an Adult for 10 minutes each night; including sight words
5 minutes of spelling
- Year 1: Reading to an Adult for 10 minutes each night; sight and spelling words
5 minutes of spelling
- Years 2 & 3: 10 minutes reading per day (includes sight words & vocabulary lists)
10 minutes of spelling, 30 minutes total per week for other subjects
- Year 4 & 5: Includes include 15 minutes of reading per night, 10 minutes of spelling and 30 minutes for other subjects.
- Years 6-7: Includes 15 minutes of reading per night, 10 minutes of spelling and 35 minutes for other subjects.

Secondary Years 8 - 10

Years 8-10 students may be allocated homework each night in a variety of curriculum areas. Maths and English activities will be given each week. This policy is subject to teacher discretion in busy weeks. (eg: sports, camps, performances, end of term etc.). The work is an extension on activities and assignments underway or linked to current class work

Year 8: 75 minutes

Year 9: 90 minutes

Year 10: 125 minutes

SACE Stage 1 and Stage 2

Students are expected to be self-motivated in completing Assessment tasks on time. Subject teachers will provide students with Assessment Plans early in the Semester. Students may be expected to do up to 3 hours each day.

Addendum:

New assignment work is not to be set for students to complete during term breaks. There is an expectation that students do some work during the holidays: this may be on assignments with due dates after week 1 in the following term; revision; own study of topics or texts being studied in the following term.