



Ulverstone Primary School Homework Policy

Purpose

Ulverstone Primary School is committed to working together with parents and carers of our students to provide the best possible outcomes for our students.

Position Statement:

1. Homework can assist students by developing responsibility, initiative and improve learning.
2. Homework to practise and revise work covered in class is helpful for learning.
3. Homework to research and discover new topics can create an opportunity for students to develop a personal interest.
4. Teachers and parents realise that as students get older they have many after school commitments.
5. Homework can create pressures for parents and families (e.g. time, expertise, available materials, cost, and availability of technology).
6. Class learning programs and parent support for homework vary widely; therefore there will be little uniformity in homework across the school. These guidelines are to assist teachers and parents in supporting students' learning at home.

Guidelines:

1. Regular reading at home is encouraged for all students as a separate activity to homework. Younger students up to grade 2 should have shorter and more frequent reading sessions (e.g. five 10 minute sessions/week). Older students are encouraged to gradually increase the time to 20, 30 or more minutes, several times a week.
2. The amount of homework should match the age and ability of the student. Homework for students in Kinder to Grade 2 should be short "finding out tasks" and preferably with written instructions to assist parents. This should be occasional and fun.
3. Homework should be kept to a minimum with the maximum being 1.5hrs per week for grade 5 and 6 students (this includes home reading).
4. Finishing class work at home is an effective way for students to catch up on missed work; however, when a student uses their time poorly in school and the teacher wants a student to finish work at home, parents should be contacted.
5. Flexibility should be provided for how tasks are completed and the deadline for completion.
6. Homework should be purposeful.