



Chilwell Primary School

"Learning for Life"

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HOMEWORK

1. Understanding of the nature of Homework:

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

2. Chilwell aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning – eg. visible learning (Hattie)
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To involve parents in their child's education.

3. Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be part of the Parent Handbook and available on the Chilwell website.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities should be interesting, known, build-on confidence and where appropriate, open-ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.

4. Homework in (Prep – Year 4):

In the Early Years (Prep to year 4), homework should not be seen as a chore. Homework will:

- enable the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering extra information or materials in an enjoyable way.
- mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or older siblings.

This will generally not exceed 30 minutes every day and not be set on weekends or during holidays.

Align with department guidelines

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/pages/guidelines.aspx>

5. Homework in (Years 5 – 6)

In the Middle Years Years (Years 5 to 9), homework:

- Should include daily independent reading.
- Should be co-ordinated across teachers to avoid unreasonable workloads for students.
- May include extension of class work, projects and assignments, essays and research.

This will generally range from 30 - 45 minutes a day from year 5.

6. Ratified:

This policy has been ratified by School Council – September 2015.

Review: Biennially

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