

HOME LEARNING POLICY

Wandong Primary School

June 2021 – June 2024

Home learning is an opportunity for parents or carers to participate in their child's education. Home learning complements and reinforces classroom learning, fosters effective lifelong study habits and time management skills, and provides an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Here at Wandong PS, we want to provide our students with every opportunity to lead successful lives and to fulfil their potential. We see home learning as having a part to play in that journey.

AIMS:

- To support and reinforce classroom learning.
- To develop positive learning, organisational and study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To encourage the development of parent participation in their child's learning.

Wandong Primary School will:

- Advise parents of home learning expectations at the beginning of the year and provide a copy of the school's home learning policy.
- Work with parents/carers to establish effective home learning patterns from Foundation level.
- Provide each student with access to Seesaw in order for them to access and submit their home learning.
- Monitor and provide feedback to students on home learning tasks.
- Contact parents/carers if concerned about any aspect of a child's home learning.

Implementation:

- Teachers will develop tasks that are:
 - appropriate to the student's skill level and age,
 - purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum.
- Home learning may take various forms such as:
 - practise exercises – apply new knowledge or to review, rewrite and reinforce newly acquired skills,
 - preparatory tasks – access background information in preparation for future lessons,
 - extension activities – individual exploration and expansion,
 - unfinished classroom work that requires completion.
- Home learning will be set weekly.
- Home learning will not be set on weekends or school holidays unless the classroom teacher has contacted the parents/carers prior.
- Students will be able to utilise Seesaw to access and complete Home Learning tasks.
- Students can be asked to complete home learning during school time (recess, lunch, other) as part of a "Home Learning Club". This will be communicated to parents.
- Classroom rewards and house points are appropriate to be given to students who consistently complete home learning to high standards.
- Home Learning will be reported on by teachers as part of the Interpersonal comment in semesterly reports.

Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2

Home learning will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents/carers
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities
- Gathering of additional information or materials to support topics investigated within the classroom
- Number facts and number fluency tasks
- Practising spelling words

Home learning will generally not exceed 15 minutes per day

Grade 3 and Grade 4

Home learning will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents/carers
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities
- Gathering of additional information or materials to support topics investigated within the classroom
- Number facts and times tables
- Practising spelling words

Home learning will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day

Grade 5 and Grade 6

Home learning will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, assignments, essays and research.
- Number facts and times tables
- Gathering of additional information or materials to support topics investigated within the classroom
- Spelling

Home learning will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day

At this level, home learning is generally the student's responsibility and should be spread out over the week in order to foster independence and organisational skills.



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Home Learning Expectations:

- Home Learning is to be completed by the student, following all instructions set out by the teacher and to the best of the student's ability. Parents are asked to encourage their children to complete tasks.
- Maintain acceptable bookwork standards, including writing in pencil/pen and on lined paper.
- Submit Home Learning requirements on time. Parents/Carers or students need to communicate with the teacher if an extension is required.
- Students should seek assistance from their teacher if they have not clearly understood the expectations of the task.
- Each task will be made available on Seesaw for students, with teachers reserving the right to push the task back to students if the work completed does not meet the expected standards.

Preparatory Home Learning:

These provide opportunities for students to gain background information so they are better prepared for future lessons and may include:

- Collecting newspaper articles
- Researching topics for class work
- Reading background material
- Watching the news for current events

Other home learning tasks:

Projects

Projects set as part of home learning will include the following:

- An explanation of the link between work in class and the project
- An explanation of how and when parents can provide assistance

Games

- Board games, card games and dice games. These promote conversation, use of strategies and reinforce basic number facts, counting, reading and spelling skills
- Locating and writing instructions for games

Keeping journals/ diaries

- Particularly related to holidays
- Personal experiences and thoughts

Helping around the home

- Reading and following instructions
- Cooking- reading recipes, measuring and timing.
- Planning meals for the week
- Setting personal routines, using timetables and calendars
- Writing shopping lists
- Calculating the cost of items- either at the supermarket (and other shops) and using catalogues
- Using road maps to plan journeys
- Writing lists for parties etc
- Taking the dog for a walk

Wandong Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and home learning differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the home learning tasks that have been set or are spending a long period of time completing tasks, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

CERTIFICATION

This policy was adopted at the School Council meeting held at Wandong Primary School on the 21st of June, 2021

