

South Grafton Public School Homework Policy 2024



Rationale

The NSW Department of Education Homework Policy is not prescriptive and schools are encouraged to outline their own procedures for staff and students to follow. The following document is designed to outline guidelines for the South Grafton Public School community with regard to homework. The guidelines take into consideration current research, consultation with the community and 3 key components determined by the NSW DEC that guide homework procedure planning:

- Quality
- Manageability
- Communication

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure that:

- Teachers are providing consistent homework procedures across the school that are meaningful and relevant to work completed in the classroom and they are appropriate to the level of development of the students in their class.
- Students are completing homework that is meaningful and relevant to work completed in the classroom and that is appropriate to their level of development.
- Parents are informed that our homework procedures are reflective of current research. There have been major changes in teaching and learning in recent years with a greater focus on problem-solving and developing students' thinking skills. This is reflected in this updated homework policy and the tasks students will be asked to complete. There will not be the emphasis on rote practice of maths and spelling that parents may be familiar with as this is no longer regarded as best practice. This procedure supports the development of student academic and social skills and work-life balance.

Responsibility

In order for the successful implementation of this procedure the responsibilities of our school community are as follows:

- Teachers – are to set meaningful and relevant homework tasks that follow homework procedures and provide valuable and timely feedback to their students.
- Students – it is highly recommended that students complete the homework tasks assigned by their teacher to consolidate learning from the classroom.
- Parents – to support their children in their understanding that homework set by the teacher is highly recommended as it consolidates learning from the classroom. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved with their child's homework. This may include supervision, discussion, assistance or checking completed work.

Guidelines for Homework Procedures at South Grafton Public School:

EARLY STAGE 1:

READING AND COMPREHENSION

- Minimum 10 - minutes reading per night - home readers
- Reading a variety of quality literature - student reading, parent reading and reading together

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR USE AT HOME

- Reading Eggs
- Mangahigh
- World Book Online

SPECIFIC TASKS

- Spelling sounds and sight word program