

Tailem Bend Primary School Homework Policy



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Rationale:

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Homework is seen as beneficial activity when directly related to classroom learning. It enables parents/guardians to develop an awareness of classroom practice and expectations and allows them to be actively involved in their child's learning.

Aims:

- To enable parents to play an active role in the child's learning and understand what is taking place at school
- To encourage children to take responsibility for on-going learning
- To practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in Literacy and Numeracy.
- To develop the child's organisational and time management skills.

Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Students will be allocated homework communication books that will clearly outline homework expectations each week
- Teachers will prepare homework as required that suits the needs of *individual* children within their classes.
- Each set task will be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.

Reception – Year 4 (15 minutes 3 nights per week)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents on a daily basis
- Sound/Sight word practice
- Numeracy/NAPLAN question

Years 5/6 (20 – 30 minute 3 nights per week)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis
- Times tables, number facts and NAPLAN/Numeracy questions
- Sight word practice
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research

Students are expected to:

- Clearly record set work in their communication book
- Have homework (reading and numeracy) signed off in their communication book
- Be responsible to complete set work within a set time
- Discuss with teachers any problems they may have about their homework
- Complete work to a satisfactory standard

Teachers will:

- Set realistic and meaningful tasks and standards
- Clearly explain set tasks and time allowed for its completion
- Check completion of task set
- Inform parents of any problems associated with their child/children's homework programme

Parents/Caregivers are expected to:

- Support, encourage and praise their child/children
- Contact the student's teacher if there are any concerns

It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

This policy will be reviewed March 2025