



HOMWORK POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and school staff Botanic Ridge's expectations for homework and at-home learning.

SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting homework.

POLICY

Botanic Ridge Primary School believes that student learning at home is a community effort and when students are taking part in homework tasks, that it is a hands-on learning opportunity for each student and their families.

Professor John Hattie (researcher in Education) states that 'homework in primary school has an effect size of zero' and five to ten minutes of homework has the same effect as one or two hours. He believes the best thing you can do for homework is reinforce something you have already learnt. Professor Hattie also states that schools should be improving the way they do homework.

Therefore, at Botanic Ridge Primary School we believe that normal daily routine activities completed by students at home, with members of their family and parent direction, is recognised as homework tasks. These include participating in:

- Supervised cooking activities
- Attempting maintenance type tasks with an adult
- Conversations regarding news items and TV programs with family members
- Playing board games
- Analysing and discussing reading material or movies
- Being involved in maths based real-life tasks like sorting, creating patterns, counting items, working with money or creating shopping lists

Teachers at Botanic Ridge Primary School will request students complete some brief homework tasks according to the following guidelines:

Foundation-Year One

- daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings
- daily practice of words
- optional online activities - Mathletics, Wushka, Nessy

Years Two and Three

- daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings
- weekly spelling task

- optional online activities - Mathletics, Wushka, Nessy

Years Four Five and Six

- daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings
- optional online activities - Mathletics, Wushka, Nessy
- optional research/learning through Google Classroom,

No homework tasks will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays. Parents may speak with the student's class teacher about additional resources and supports, such as educational websites or suggestions for board games and other family activities that will support learning and development. It is expected that families will ensure that there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational activities. Parents can best support the learning of their children by reading to and with them, talking with them and involving them in learning opportunities during everyday household routines and physical activity.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Botanic Ridge Parent Complaint Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)
- [John Hattie – Homework BBC interview](#)
- School Policy and Advisory Guide:
 - [Homework Guidelines](#)
 - [Homework Expectations](#)

REVIEW CYCLE

This Homework Policy was last approved by School Council on November ?? and is scheduled for review in February 2021.