Blackmans Bay Primary School  
Homework Policy

Rationale

Homework is school related tasks to be undertaken at home. Homework is task oriented and does not contribute to a child's academic results but may be commented on in relation to organisational skills. It contributes to a child’s education by:

1. Helping students to take personal responsibility for their schoolwork, to build their range and competency levels of study skills, ability to follow directions, complete tasks on time, and to achieve a feeling of self-confidence and personal accomplishment. This also includes opportunities for development of talents and skills and providing extension and enrichment activities.

2. Showing children that education is not restricted to the confines of the school.

3. Enabling teachers to communicate with parents, to involve them in the learning process and inform them about what, and how, the students are learning.

Guidelines

1. All parties to the process (teacher, students and parents) need to have a clear and shared understanding of why the homework is assigned, the quantity and quality required, and how it is structured to fit into teaching and learning skills in the classroom.

2. Homework tasks for Grade 5/6 may be reading, finishing off work or revision, and occasional longer contracts (i.e. weekly/fortnightly) as negotiated with the student, and information shared with parents.

3. The maximum amount of homework expected to be completed for a Grade 5/6 student is one hour per week. This may be three lots of twenty minutes, or two lots of thirty minutes etc, depending on the set task.

4. A Home Reading Program is in place for students from Prep to Grade 4. Set homework will not be given below Grade 4. However, parents may ask for ideas from the teacher to support revision of class learning at home, including parents of Kindergarten children.

5. Apart from home reading, homework will not be expected to be completed with a one day turn around. Similarly homework will not be given on Friday to be completed by Monday. Where a student encounters difficulty with completing homework, they are to communicate this difficulty with their teacher the following day and seek clarification and/or an extension of time. Homework tasks should not result in students feeling stressed and this is to be avoided.

6. Students who have opted into the Extension Music Program will be provided with their own home practice schedule.

7. In setting homework, consideration will be given by teachers to the resources available to children at home and to children’s commitments to extra curricula activities outside of school hours.

8. Opportunities for sharing home learning will be provided by the teacher in class time.