



MT RIVERVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

RATIONALE

Homework is a purposeful learning experience, which consolidates and enriches the educational programs of the school. Homework is defined as any task assigned by school teachers intended for students to carry out during non-school hours, designed to meet specific learning goals.

AIMS

- To reinforce learning at school.
- To broaden students' understandings and skills across the curriculum.
- To develop home study skills and independent work habits.
- To support the home-school partnership.
- To assist parents in understanding their child's learning progress.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of the teacher is to:

- Encourage students to complete homework.
- Inform students and parents regularly throughout the year of class expectations regarding homework.
- Ensure homework is related to the learning in class and is appropriate to each student's needs.
- Allow sufficient time for students to complete set tasks.
- Ensure students are aware of what work is expected, when it is due and to what standard.
- Mark homework and provide timely feedback to students, in writing where possible.
- Provide criteria and related feedback about project/assignment homework tasks.
- Work with students and their parents to manage any difficulties with homework.
- Check in with parents about students who are regularly not completing homework.
- Implement the school's Homework Policy.

The role of the student is to:

- Complete and return homework within the given timeframe.
- Complete homework neatly in the set location (eg; book, folder, worksheet, online).
- Share their homework with a parent/carer.
- Seek help from a parent/carer or the class teacher if needed.

The role of the parent is to:

- Encourage their child to engage in daily reading (eg; read to, read with, listen to).
- Support their child to complete homework as expected by the class teacher.
- Provide help to complete homework, if needed.
- Communicate with the class teacher about any difficulties with homework.
- Inform the class teacher if other commitments make it difficult for homework to be completed.
- Provide a place for their child to complete homework.
- Be aware of whether their child has or has not completed their homework.

CONTENT

Homework tasks will generally be set on Monday and returned by Friday. When planning homework tasks, teachers will consider the availability of technology and resources at home. They will also take into account students' other commitments, such as sport, arts and home responsibilities. Homework tasks will be planned in a consistent manner across each stage and will include a variety of options throughout the year.

Homework Task Options:

1. **Reading** – K-2 students will select some home readers to take home for reading, or may select books from home or borrowed from the library for independent or shared reading. Year 3-6 students will select their own books from home or borrowed from the library to read independently, either to themselves or aloud. A reading log is provided to track each day that students read.
2. **English Activities** – These may include spelling tasks, sight word recognition, grammar and writing activities, talking and listening tasks and online programs.
3. **Mathematics Activities** – These may include problem solving activities, calculations, data collection, answering questions, fact recall and online programs.
4. **Other Curriculum Areas** – These may include projects, assignments, presentations, skill practise, interviews and research.
5. **Extension/Enrichment Activities** – These may include activities based on any curriculum/learning area which provide opportunities to deepen knowledge and understanding or to apply learning to different contexts.

SUGGESTED ALLOCATIONS OF TIME

The following times for each grade are a guide as to the length of minimum time to spend on homework each day.

- Kindergarten - 10 minutes
- Years 1 & 2 - 15 minutes
- Years 3 & 4 - 20 minutes
- Years 5 & 6 - 30 minutes

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed and updated in consultation with teachers and parents/carers by November 2022.