Homework Policy

PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Langwarrin Primary School's policy requirements relating to homework.

SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Langwarrin Primary School.

RATIONALE

Langwarrin Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge
- providing opportunities for students to prepare for future lessons
- encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively

Definitions

Homework refers to tasks offered by teachers to students that can be carried out during non-school hours.

POLICY

At Langwarrin Primary School homework offered by teachers will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned
- appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- monitored by the teacher
- provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.

The homework that teachers at Langwarrin Primary School will offer will be connected to current learning in:

- literacy (for example, nightly reading, UFLI activities from P-2, writing/punctuation/grammar activity from 3-6)
- numeracy (for example, Mathletics or times table practice)

Shared expectations and responsibilities

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

Responsibilities and expectations for **leaders at Langwarrin Primary School** are to:

- advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy.

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at Langwarrin Primary School** are to:

- offer homework that is curriculum-aligned, purposeful and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- assess any returned homework and provide timely and practical feedback
- offer opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning.

Responsibilities and expectations **for students** are:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- accepting responsibility for the submission of any completed homework tasks
- following up on comments made by teachers
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise.

Responsibilities and expectations for **parents/carers** are:

- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework offered
- discussing homework with their child
- where appropriate, linking homework to:
    - previous experiences the child and/or parent/carer may have had
    - family culture(s), history(ies) and language(s)
    - relevant services, clubs, associations and community.
    - ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

Support for students and parents/carers

Langwarrin Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- included in staff induction processes and staff training
- available publicly on our school's website
- included in staff handbook/manual
- discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Homework – Department Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	December 2024
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	December 2028
Is it compulsory for all Victorian government schools to have a policy addressing this issue?	Yes, a school policy addressing this issue is required by Department policy.
Does this policy have to be approved by School Council?	No.
Is school community consultation required for this policy?	It is recommended that school council be consulted and its views should be taken into account when you amend the sections of the template that are marked in yellow, as this content should be tailored to your school community.
What is the basis of this policy?	• The Department's Policy and Advisory Library: Homework Policy (requires schools to have a documented approach to homework, taking into account the personal and developmental needs of students)
Mandatory review cycle	3-4 years

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school on 9789 7346.