GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Policy

Rationale:

Homework allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Homework is an opportunity for parents to participate in their child’s education. Homework complements and reinforces classroom learning and fosters lifelong study habits.

Aims:

- Homework at Gembrook Primary School is to support the learning that takes place in the classroom.
- Homework provides students with the opportunity to develop organisational skills and self-discipline with learning.
- The homework set for students will vary depending on their year level and the subject.
- The degree of difficulty and length of homework will be personalised to the needs of the student.
- Homework will become more challenging in secondary school and the final years of education therefore in grades 5 and 6 the homework structure will promote organisational skills in preparation for high school.
- To encourage the home school partnership with the parent support of homework.
- Parents can provide support for students to complete homework by:
  - encourage a regular daily time to examine and complete homework
  - discuss key questions or suggest resources to help with homework
  - help to balance the amount of time spent between homework and recreational activities
  - ask how homework and class work is progressing and acknowledge success
  - attend school events, productions or displays your child is involved in
  - talk to teachers to discuss problems with homework
  - check whether homework has been set and encourage your child to keep a homework diary
  - discuss homework with your child in their first language (if English is not the main language spoken at home).

Implementation:

- Students will record homework in their diary.
- It is expected that all students will complete home reading and spelling words on a daily.
- Teachers will provide positive reinforcement at school to encourage the completion of homework activities.
- Types of home activities may include but are not limited to:
  - completing maths exercises
  - practising spelling
  - practising words or phrases learnt in a language other than English
  - reading
  - writing essays and other creative tasks
  - practising and playing musical instruments
  - practising physical education skills.

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Preparatory homework provides opportunities for your child to gain background information so they are better prepared for future lessons. For example:

- reading background material for history
- reading English texts for class discussion
- researching topics for class work
- collecting newspaper articles
- revising information about a current topic.

Extension assignments encourage your child to pursue knowledge individually and imaginatively. For example:

- writing a book review
- making or designing an artwork
- completing science investigation exercises
- researching local news
- finding material on the internet
- monitoring advertising in a newspaper.

**Evaluation:**

Homework at Gembrook Primary School is used to support classroom learning by providing tasks that are appropriate to the year level, and individual student needs and abilities. Homework tasks will encourage student organisational skills and foster the home school partnership.

All will be for 3 year review unless otherwise stated.

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