



Falls Creek Primary School

Homework Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and school staff Falls Creek Primary School'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

Falls Creek Primary School acknowledges that homework should be tailored and adapted to suit the personal and developmental needs of students.

Teachers at Falls Creek Primary School are encouraged to exercise their discretion in assigning tasks that are appropriate for their students and most likely to be meaningful. This may comprise of reading, maths revision tasks and other minor research relevant to class topics.

Prep to Year 2

In the early years, the objective of homework is to practise and consolidate the reading and spelling concepts that have been introduced during class time. It is also intended to introduce the concepts of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare them for the upper grades.

Homework will mainly consist of daily reading of school levelled 'readers' to or with parents/carer or older siblings and practising weekly spelling words.

Students are generally not expected to complete more than 10-15 minutes of homework per day and no homework tasks will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays.

Year 3 to Year 6

In the middle and upper year levels, the objective of homework is to build on the concepts of self-discipline, responsibility and initiative to prepare students for secondary school.

Assigned homework tasks will include daily independent reading, practising weekly spelling words and a weekly Maths Plus revision worksheet. Students may also be asked to do occasional research related to specific topics being explored in class.

Students are generally not expected to spend more than 15-20 minutes per day on homework and no homework tasks will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays.

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.

Falls Creek Primary School will support students by:

- fostering lifelong learning and connecting families with the learning of their children, as part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian schools
- ensuring the school's homework policy is relevant to the needs of students
- advising parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and providing them with a copy of the homework policy
- encouraging parents/carers of early primary school aged children to read to and with their children for enjoyment

Teachers at Falls Creek Primary School will:

- set challenging and meaningful tasks related to class work to suit the students' learning needs
- give students enough time to complete homework, considering home obligations and extracurricular activities
- assess homework and provide timely and practical feedback and support
- help students develop organisational and time-management skills
- offer opportunities for families to engage in their children around homework tasks

It is expected that students will take responsibility for their own learning by:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing with their parents/carers homework expectations
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities

It is expected that parents/carers will support their children by:

- developing a positive and productive approach to homework
- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational activities
- listening to them read and talking with them about the book and involving themselves in learning tasks
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for students to complete their homework tasks

Support for students, parents and carers

Teachers at Falls Creek Primary School understand that students have different learning styles and interests, and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If you are concerned that your child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set for him or her, or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage you to speak to their teacher.

Further information and resources

- School Policy and Advisory Guide:
 - [Homework Guidelines](#)
 - [Homework Expectations](#)

Review Cycle

This policy was last updated March 2019 and is scheduled for review March 2023.