

## HOMWORK AT OAKLEIGH STATE SCHOOL

Homework is a valued component of the Oakleigh learning experience. Homework at Oakleigh serves to:

- Establish positive home routines for future learning
- Develop independence in organisational skills
- Share information about a child's learning
- Reinforce class learning.

Homework should be a positive activity that reinforces links between home and school. It should not be a stressful or time-consuming task. Any concerns about homework should be discussed by parents, teachers and students in order to facilitate the best outcomes for students.

### Consistency of practice

To ensure consistency of practice, each year level will:

- have an agreed approach to homework that is standard across the grade
- set regular homework that provides flexibility for families
- design homework tasks that align with the expected time allocation for the grade level

YEAR LEVEL	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MINUTES PER DAY	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MINUTES PER WEEK
P-1	10	40
2-3	15	60
4-5	20	80
6	25	100

### School expectations

Homework routines and procedures will be explicitly shared with students. The school expectation is that teachers will:

- set homework regularly and provide clear explanations of all tasks
- differentiate homework to respond to range of learners

- include reading and at least one additional component of literacy or numeracy
  - design tasks that reinforce classroom learning
  - where homework is set that requires marking, it is marked regularly and acknowledgement of student work and effort is given
  - not include classroom assessment items
  - provide regular communication with parents
  - not include unfinished classroom tasks, unless previously negotiated with parents.
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- It is requested that parents:
  - provide support for students as the homework tasks are completed
  - help students to manage their time effectively
  - communicate any feedback about homework with teachers
  - view homework regularly.

### **Special considerations**

In special circumstances, aspects of homework can be adjusted through negotiation between students, parents and teachers