Homework Policy and Guidelines for Years 4 - 6

This policy and set of guidelines for homework has been developed following a review of current teacher practices.

Our School Community’s Beliefs about Homework

Some students participate in after school activities such as basketball, football, scouts or Karate. The school acknowledges the value of student participation in such activities and does not wish to discriminate against students who fail to complete homework due to outside school commitments. With this issue in mind, whilst most parents value homework, they also believe that failure to complete all homework should not be a matter for punishment by the school but remain a family issue.

Some parents feel strongly that homework should not be set by the school. This policy allows those parents to decline to participate in the class homework program. Parents and students will be given an opportunity to discuss the homework policy on enrolment and a choice made to accept or decline the inclusion of homework tasks as part of their education.

Homework Guidelines

(Up to 1 1/2 hours per week)

Teachers’ Roles and Responsibilities

Years 4 - 6 teachers will select suitable homework tasks for students to complete. Tasks will be chosen appropriate to child’s needs.

These guidelines will be communicated to parents at the beginning of each year at the Parent Meet and Greet and will be on the school’s webpage.

Generally speaking, homework tasks will be directed at improving the whole child’s development and love of learning. In the upper grades, it is common for students to work on longer term assignments and projects. Therefore, homework tasks may relate to these.

Upon Completion of a Homework Contract

Parents’ Roles and Responsibilities will be:-

• Support the school and the teacher’s homework contract
• Establish a homework routine
• Encourage and support students to complete homework

Students’ Roles and Responsibilities will be:-

• Awareness of school’s homework contract
• To share homework with parents and teachers
• To organise time to manage home duties and out-of-school activities to include completion of homework

Management of Homework

Teachers will mark homework on an as needs basis.
Heatley State School
Homework Contract
Years 4 - 6

Name:_______________________________  Yr:_______

☐ Yes, I want my child to participate in homework activities

☐ No, I do not want my child to participate in homework activities

________________________________  ___________________ __
Parent Signature     Date

☐ I agree to complete my homework tasks to the best of my ability

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Student Signature     Date