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Home Work Policy

Purpose:

- to develop parents' understanding of the time and processes involved in their child's learning
- to develop regular study habits
- continue learning at home
- to give parents an opportunity of sharing in the child's school interests
- to train children in the skills of learning by self discipline and self motivation
- practice and refine skills taught in the classroom

Rationale

An important part of a child's education is the carryover of their learning into activities outside the school setting. One way, which this can be done, is through Homework. Homework is an extension of classroom work and may include a variety of tasks and formats such as: eLearning, (e.g. Reading Eggs, Mathletics, Edmodo); reading; maths; learning tables or spelling; music or story writing; worksheets; projects; research and investigation; gathering information or resources; or completing unfinished classroom work.

Reading is an important activity, which should continue throughout a child's life. Reading material may be sent home on a regular basis or the students may choose to utilise other quality reading materials. Depending on the interests and competencies the children should be encouraged to widen their reading through newspapers, magazines, library books or reference materials.

Process

Homework should take account of the age of children and the other important demands on their after-school time, so

homework for children in kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will mainly consist of reading activities on a daily basis (including reading to a family member, being read to, playing reading games) and extending classwork through formal and informal tasks or through projects.

homework for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will include independent reading on a regular basis, spelling practice and a range of activities which complement or extend the classroom curriculum.

Homework may be structured on a daily basis, as contracts, or as assignments, depending on the needs of the students and the routine of the teacher. The amount of homework set will depend on factors including the age, stage, and abilities of the students.

As a general rule the following times are suggested as a guide for homework:.

Kinder - Year 2	15 minutes + reading
Years 3 - 4	30 minutes + reading
Year 5 - 6	45 minutes + reading

Teachers will often set optional work which will exceed these time limits. Many students at Chatswood Public School enjoy this extra work. Please note; attending coaching after school is not considered as part of homework requirements.

Homework provides parents with an opportunity to observe and assist their children's learning.

Parents should encourage the child, both by attitude and example, to be interested in school activities. The supervision of homework by parents should not lead to stressful situations. If the parent believes that the child has worked for a sufficient time on task, then the homework time should conclude.

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