

HOME LEARNING POLICY



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

RATIONALE

Home learning is another opportunity for parents and caregivers to participate in their child's education. Parents and caregivers, in partnership with the school, should encourage their children to establish good home learning patterns and time management skills from early primary school.

Home learning helps students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering lifelong learning and study habits, and providing an opportunity for students to be independent and responsible for their own learning.

Home learning is an avenue to reinforce the positive partnership between home and school and to involve parents and caregivers in the ongoing education of their child.

AIMS

- to establish good home learning patterns from early childhood
- to provide an opportunity for parents and caregivers to participate in their child's education
- to develop organisational skills and the ability to manage time effectively
- to encourage personal responsibility and develop self motivation in the learning process
- to allow for practising and consolidating work done in the classroom

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Home learning:

- Should be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the school curriculum
- May provide opportunities for students to apply new knowledge or to revise and reinforce newly acquired skills.
- May provide opportunities for students to gain background information so they are better prepared for future lessons
- Will encourage students to pursue knowledge individually and imaginatively
- May be balanced with a diverse range of recreational, family and cultural activities
- Will be acknowledged by teachers with timely feedback

2. Teachers should communicate home learning expectations as early as possible at the commencement of the school year.
3. Home learning should be purposeful and not be used as a disciplinary measure.
4. Teachers will provide support and scaffolding to ensure that all students have home learning activities that are achievable.
5. Staff and parents/caregivers will work together to assist in developing responsibility for home learning as students progress through each year level of the school.
6. Home learning is at the discretion of the parent/caregiver. Teachers will encourage students to engage in home learning tasks and may contact the parent/caregiver to discuss the situation.

EVALUATION

This policy was ratified by School Council on 11 August 2021 and will be due for review in August 2023.