

## CONCORD SCHOOL POLICY

### HOMEWORK

#### PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Concord School's policy requirements relating to homework.

#### SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Concord School.

#### RATIONALE

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Concord School believes that parental participation in their children's learning at home assists in the development of:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- attitudes which promote life-long learning habits
- parental understanding of curriculum activities
- parental understanding of each student's levels of ability
- closer interaction between parents/carers and the child and school.

#### DEFINITION

**Homework** is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT

Concord School appreciates and values the partnership which exists between parents/carers and staff as we work together towards achieving excellence in education for all our students. The school community recognises:

- the benefit to student learning outcomes derived from the commitment of parents/carers in supporting learning and teaching
- the availability of time after school hours which can be used to extend and reinforce student learning
- it can be challenging for students to complete homework (particularly if travelling long distances to and from school) therefore homework is not compulsory.

#### BROAD GUIDELINES

All students will be given the opportunity to complete homework tasks. At the start of each school year the homework policy will be outlined in the school newsletter and at Meet the Teacher Night. Parents/carers will be informed of the formalised homework tasks that will be set for the year in English and Mathematics. Parents/carers will be given the option if they would like their child to receive English and Mathematics homework tasks.

#### Homework will:

- link to student learning goals

- extend and reinforce the skills and concepts learnt in the classroom
- be set by the classroom teacher
- be appropriate to the student's ability and age
- be independent learning tasks for Secondary School students

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Parents/carers will be encouraged to spend time with their child/ren to reflect and build on the daily school activities. At the start of each school year classroom teachers will provide parents/carers with a checklist to opt-in or out of different homework options. Parent/carers may choose for their child to receive all set homework tasks, none of the set homework tasks or some of the set homework tasks. Parents/carers may change their request throughout the year.

#### **Students in the Primary year levels will be offered:**

- **Take-Home Reading Program**
  - Students will take home a levelled reader in a Take-Home Reader Folder.
  - Parents/carers will be encouraged to read to their child/ren or listen to their child/ren read.
- **Mathletics (Mathematics) set tasks \*Upper Primary only**
  - Concord School will purchase a Mathletics licence for all Upper Primary students.
  - The classroom teacher will set learning tasks related to the mathematics area of learning in the classroom.

#### **Students in the Secondary year levels will be offered:**

- **Mathletics (Mathematics) set tasks**
  - Concord School will purchase a Mathletics licence for all secondary students.
  - The classroom teacher will set learning tasks related to the mathematics area of learning in the classroom.
- **Take-Home Reading Program**
  - Online access to Wushka and Get Epic; Take Home books
- **Inquiry: HomeThink \*Specific to 7-10**
  - Supports & extends learning related to inquiry units

### **EVALUATION**

This policy was last updated in March 2021 and is scheduled for review in March 2024.

### **REFERENCE**

[Homework – Department Policy](#)