

Burrendah Primary School Homework Policy

Policy Statement:

Burrendah Primary School (BPS) focuses on the whole child and encourages a balance between academic, social/emotional and physical outcomes. BPS promotes a balanced family life and supports families to connect with each other and engage in enriching life opportunities.

Students are strongly encouraged to complete homework; however, it is not compulsory. Uncompleted homework will not incur a negative consequence.

Homework Principles:

Class teachers may set homework to support students in the practise of basic academic skills which are linked to classroom content; and activities designed to encourage the development of the whole child.

BPS promotes connected practice and consistency within each year group. The Year Level Homework Guidelines describe the task; suggested frequency; and whether the activity is considered a core or extension task.

Homework will:

- Be responsive to the individual needs of students who have gaps in their skills, knowledge or understanding.
- Be engaging and motivating for students.
- Provide the opportunity to apply and reinforce research skills and engage in areas of interest.
- Support independent practise of basic skills, for example, phonics and automatic recall of number facts.
- Provide the opportunity to further develop oral language skills essential when speaking in front of an audience.
- Consolidate learning taking place in the classroom.

Homework will not:

- Be too complex or cover new concepts for self-learning.
- Create a marking workload that infringes on explicit teaching time.
- Be used to assess a student.
- Be set purely to prepare students for the time commitment of homework anticipated in years to come.
- Be set by teachers to supplement learning missed during unauthorised holidays.

Please note, independent reading should be promoted as an enjoyable daily activity, however is not usually classified as homework in Years 5 and 6.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Teachers:

- Communicate expectations related to homework with parents.
- Provide the Year Level Homework Guidelines at the parent-teacher meeting in Term 1.
- Communicate and consult with parents and, in some cases, outside agencies (e.g., speech pathologists etc.) where homework is individualised according to a student's needs.

Parents:

- Make a decision based on student and family needs as to how to engage with homework.
- Support and encourage students in the homework task.

Students:

- Engage with homework to the best of their ability and work towards appropriate management of time.

Associated Documents:

[Year Level Homework Guidelines \(individual documents PP – Year 6\)](#)

[Department of Education Homework Guidelines 2014](#)