



LANCEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY



Help for non-English speakers.

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Lancefield Primary School, 5429 2307.

PURPOSE

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

SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible providing guidelines for homework at Lancefield Primary School.

RATIONALE

Lancefield Primary School has developed this Homework Policy to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce skills
- encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

POLICY

At Lancefield Primary School all homework guidelines will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned
- appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.

Homework guidelines at Lancefield Primary School may include :

- completing consolidation exercises for mathematics
- practising spelling words
- reading background material for a subject
- reading for pleasure

- researching topics associated with set class work
- applying new skills to home context such as:
 - planning and cooking food, including following a recipe
 - helping to plan a day trip or holiday, including timings, directions and costs
 - growing plants
 - reviewing their favourite film or book
 - writing a diary entry
- engaging with parents in learning activities such as:
 - rehearsing a presentation with parent/carers, and seeking their feedback
 - interviewing a family member as part of a research project.
- LPS Homework Guidelines form a part of this policy and are available for viewing on our website along with this policy.

SHARED EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

Responsibilities and expectations for **leaders at Lancefield Primary School** are to:

- advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework guidelines at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy.

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at Lancefield Primary School** are to:

- provide homework guidelines that are curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- ensure tasks are purposeful
- offer opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning.

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing homework guidelines with their parents/carers
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities .

Responsibilities and expectations for **parents/carers** are:

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have
- discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home,

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Lancefield Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework guidelines or is spending a long period of time completing homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	June 2023
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	May 2026 – the recommended minimum review cycle for this policy is 3 to 4 years.