Homework Policy

Education Queensland has guidelines for student homework emphasising the need for balance between family life and consolidating classroom learning.

It is commonly accepted that bringing academic learning into children’s home life helps to develop a positive and supportive family attitude to learning. Homework bridges the gap between learning at school and learning at home.

Rationale:

Yelarbon State School believes that homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation and cultural pursuits.

Homework that enhances student learning:
- is purposeful and relevant to students needs
- is appropriate to the phase of learning (early, middle, senior)
- is appropriate to the capability of the student
- develops the student’s independence as a learner
- is varied, challenging and clearly related to classroom work
- consolidates newly learned skills
- allows for student commitment to recreational, family and cultural activities

Purpose:

Homework can engage students in independent learning to complement work undertaken in class through:
- revision and critical reflection to consolidate learning (practise for mastery)
- applying knowledge and skills in new contexts (a topic of interest, an authentic local issue)
- pursuing knowledge individually and imaginatively (investigating, researching, writing, designing, making)
- preparing for forthcoming classroom learning (collecting relevant materials, items, information)

Homework Schedule:

(DETE – Homework – in State Schools Policy)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Time Allocation</th>
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<td>Prep</td>
<td>Generally no written homework is set in Prep – at YSPS homework includes Home Reader and Sight Words</td>
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<td>Year 1-3</td>
<td>Will not exceed 1 hour per week</td>
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<td>Year 4 &amp; 5</td>
<td>Will not exceed 2 -3 hours per week</td>
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<td>Will not exceed 3-4 hours per week (Year 8 &amp; 9 = 5hrs/week)</td>
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Responsibilities:

- Students – to be prepared to learn
- Teachers – to provide a quality educational program
- Parents/Caregivers – to support the education of your children
HOMEWORK SET UP:

REWARDS FOR DOING HOMEWORK
- Sticker on Class/Individual homework chart

HOW DO WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS WITH HOMEWORK?
- If students are unable to complete homework at home - they will have the opportunity to do so in library each Wednesday at lunchtime

NON-COMPLETION OF HOMEWORK
- Students will be asked to complete their homework in their own break time eg They take themselves to the music room to work on their homework
- After 3 consecutive weeks a ‘failure to complete homework’ letter will be sent home to advise parents.
- Parents will be asked to acknowledge this letter
- All communication will be recorded on One School