



Homework Policy 2024

Rationale

'For the purposes of the department's Homework Policy, homework is defined as any task assigned by school teachers intended for students to carry out during non-school hours designed to meet specific learning goals.' (Public Schools NSW Homework Policy Guidelines May 2012).

Homework is a valuable part of learning that allows students to learn how to organise their time. At Ramsgate Public School, we believe that homework is a time for students to practice their skills in class rather than introducing new concepts. Homework provides parents and caregivers with insights into what is being taught in the classroom.

Policy statement

Through homework, Ramsgate Public School aims to encourage and foster all students to achieve high standards in planning and organising time and developing a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Students will be encouraged and guided in establishing habits of study, concentration and self-discipline. Homework will be educationally beneficial and will meet the realistic expectations of students, teachers, parents and caregivers.

This homework policy is available:

- on the school's website
- communicated to parents and caregivers via electronic mail
- presented at each year's Meet the Teacher night
- shared with students
- to staff at Ramsgate Public School.

Expectations

Parents and caregivers can help by:

- Taking an active interest in homework
- Encouraging and supporting students to complete homework
- Talking to their children about their homework or reading
- Alerting the school to any domestic or extracurricular activities which may need to be taken into consideration when homework is being set or corrected
- Communicating with their children about news items or television shows, allowing them to practice articulating and supporting a point of view.

Teachers can help by:

- Explaining to students and their parents or caregivers the purpose of homework
- Ensuring students and parents or caregivers are aware of the school's homework policy
- Providing quality homework activities related to class work
- Ensuring that students are aware of what is expected of them, and how their work will be assessed

- Marking homework promptly and appropriately, maintaining homework records and providing feedback to students and parents or caregivers
- Not setting new work which requires direct instruction.

Students can help by:

- Being aware of their school's homework policy
- Completing homework and submitting it within the given time frame
- Alerting parents or caregivers to homework expectations
- Seeking assistance from teachers and parents or caregivers when difficulties arise
- Showing their homework to their parents or caregivers
- Ensuring homework is of a high standard.

General Guideline	ES1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Subscription to online learning will be reviewed every second year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HFW -word lists ○ Decodables ○ Flashcards ○ Topic talks - weekly ○ Mathletics - online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Home reading - 10/15 minutes nightly ○ Spelling lists ○ HFW - word list ○ Topic talks - weekly ○ Mathletics - online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spelling lists ○ Topic talks - per term ○ Nightly reading - 20 minutes ○ Mathletics - online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spelling lists ○ Research project - per term ○ Term 3 public speaking ○ Nightly reading - 20/25 minutes nightly ○ Mathletics - online

'In developing their Homework Policy, schools should be aware that while the policy itself is compulsory, the setting of homework and any indicative time allocations across year levels are not.' (Public Schools NSW Homework Policy Guidelines May 2012).

In 2024 Homework Club was established at Ramsgate Public School to allow students equitability of resources in completing online homework tasks set for Key Learning Area of Mathematics. Parents are provided with an opportunity to accept by way of invitation for their child to attend a morning supervised session where a school's device is provided for students to access their online component of homework.