

**Burren Junction
Public School**

Homework Information Document

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This policy and associated documents are located on Burren Junction Public School Server, www.burrenjunc-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/policies.

Rationale:

The NSW Department of Education specifies that each school is to develop their own Homework Policy.

NSW Department of Education Guidelines

In 2012 research undertaken by the then NSW Department of Education and Communities, indicated that "...there is little consensus in the literature as to whether time spent on homework results in improved student achievement. Most researchers, however, conclude that for primary students, there is no evidence that homework lifts academic performance."

Therefore, the NSW Department of Education stipulate that a school's Homework Policy should be:

- Relevant to the needs of students
- Schools are best placed to make decisions about homework.

Burren Junction Public School Guidelines

At Burren Junction Public School we believe that the learning benefits of homework for students may develop effective study habits and broaden student's understanding and skills across the curriculum.

All homework set at Burren Junction Public School is age appropriate and is familiar work for the students so that they are able to complete the work independently at home. Teachers will communicate with parents when homework will begin each year.

As a guideline the following criteria will apply to each year group or stage group.

Homework will be

- age appropriate;
- consider students' outside of school hours commitments, such as extended bus travel times and home responsibilities;
- take into account students' access to resources and technology beyond school;
- be clearly communicated to students;
- provide some flexibility and options for different student circumstances;
- acknowledged by the teacher each week.

Homework for Kindergarten

In general students are not expected to complete formal homework in Kindergarten, especially in Term 1 of Kindergarten. Daily Home Reading will begin when deemed appropriate by the teacher. This may be added to through the year to include sight words and some basic activities from the curriculum.

Homework for Year 1 and Year 2

In Year 1 and Year 2 some formal homework will be set. For example, students might be asked to read at home, to establish good reading habits, and write, learn words for spelling and complete some activities from the different Key Learning Areas (KLAs).

Homework for Years 3 – 6

Homework in Years 3 – 6 will be varied and students may be expected to work more independently. Formal homework will be set and students will be encouraged to practise concepts learnt at school and to engage with work across areas of the curriculum.

Students experiencing difficulties with homework

Parents may approach the class teacher if their child is experiencing difficulties with their homework. The teacher will work with the child and the family to determine effective homework for the child.