



# Urquhart Park Primary School

## HOMEWORK

### POLICY

#### **Rationale:**

Homework helps students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, and providing an opportunity for students to become responsible for their own learning. Homework enhances student, parent and teacher partnerships in learning as it is a way of sharing school learning activities. Communication between home and school is actively encouraged and central to effective homework practices. It is an expectation that all students will complete the homework that is set by their teachers.

#### **Aims:**

Homework should be:

- appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
- interesting, challenging and when appropriate open ended
- monitored by teachers with feedback and support provided

#### **Types of Homework:**

**Practice exercises-** which provide opportunities for students to apply new knowledge or to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills.

**Preparatory homework-** which provides opportunities for students to gain background information so they are better prepared for future lessons, such as:

**Extension assignments-** which encourage students to pursue knowledge individually and imaginatively and may include a range of recreational, family and cultural activities.

#### **Implementation:**

- Reading practice to, with and by parents/carers or older siblings is included as a homework activity at all grade levels.
- Homework should be within the capabilities of the child.
- A classroom routine will be established for the monitoring of homework.
- Parents will be informed through class notices and diary entries of the classroom routine and any request for their input (e.g. signature).
- The time taken for homework may vary according to the individual needs of a child and the school program.
- Parents will be informed if homework is not being completed on a regular basis.
- Extensions may be requested prior to the due date for homework submission.
- A Homework Club will be established and children will attend Homework Club at lunch time to complete unfinished homework.

**Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council in September, 2015