



# Forbes Homework Policy

At Forbes Primary School we believe that homework is a valuable part of schooling. It provides opportunities to practice skills, review content and deepen understanding of concepts learned. Homework can also assist students to develop self-regulation processes, such as goal-setting, time management and study skills.

We believe that the setting of homework needs to take into consideration the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, sport and recreation and cultural pursuits.

## **Homework in Reception to Year 2 will consist of:**

- 20 minutes daily reading of texts/activities to, with and by parents (4 days per week)
- practise of number facts e.g. Number Bonds
- practise of sight words

## **Homework in Years 3-7 will consist of:**

- 20 minutes daily reading of texts/activities to, with and by parents or independent reading (4 days per week)
- practise of spelling of High Frequency words and individual words
- practise of Number facts e.g. Times Tables

## **Homework across all year groups may consist of:**

- reinforcement tasks associated with classroom activities
- tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects, assignments, and research
- unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks

## **Responsibilities of Students:**

- be aware of the school's homework policy
- write homework tasks into their diary (if provided) and track progress and completion of tasks
- demonstrate responsibility by caring for materials required to complete homework, such as books, pens and pencils
- submit any completed homework, according to the instructions of the teacher, when expected
- discuss any difficulties they are experiencing with homework with their teacher/s

## **Responsibilities of Teachers:**

- set homework appropriate to each child
- explain when, what and how the work is to be done so that each child clearly understands it
- check completion of homework and provide feedback where deemed necessary

## **Responsibilities of Leadership Team:**

- ensure that the homework policy is being implemented and staff are supported

## **Responsibilities of Parents:**

- encouraging a regular daily session routine to examine and complete homework, helping to balance the amount of time spent between homework and recreational activities
- be aware of the school's homework policy
- discuss homework tasks with their child
- communicate to the teacher if homework tasks are too difficult or too easy for their child
- sign the Homework Record as requested by the teacher [nightly or weekly]
- encouraging participation in family activities such as board games
- discussing the texts that have been read by the child

For further information about helping your child during the primary years please follow the link below.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parenting-and-child-care/engaging-your-childs-education/helping-children-learn/what-you-can-do-help-your-child/helping-children-learn-primary-years>