



ALBANY RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Policy



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Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the Albany Rise Primary School Administration.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Albany Rise Primary School.

RATIONAL

Albany Rise Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support learning and wellbeing by:

- 1.1 Providing opportunities for students to review, revise and consolidate newly acquired skills
- 1.2 Providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge
- 1.3 Encouraging students to become responsible for their own learning
- 1.4 Providing opportunities for students to prepare for further lessons
- 1.5 Encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- 1.6 Fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- 1.7 Supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers

DEFINITIONS:

Homework is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

GUIDELINES:

At Albany Rise Primary School, all homework set by teachers will follow these guidelines:

- 2.1 Homework will be consistent across the level and set according to DET guidelines
- 2.2 Homework will show consideration for the students' age, ability and general needs. Homework may be individualised to meet these needs.
- 2.3 Homework will be assigned to reinforce classwork, not to teach.
- 2.4 Set homework will be based on achievable aims and in easily manageable quantities.
- 2.5 Parental interest and involvement will be encouraged, but the effort and final product will be the student's own work.
- 2.6 The teacher will be the first point of contact should a problem arise with a student's homework and it is the responsibility of the class teacher to check homework on a regular basis and provide feedback to students.
- 2.7 When a student regularly does not complete homework the class teacher will contact the parent(s)
- 2.8 Homework is generally handed out on a weekly basis so that it can be balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities.



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2.9 Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents or individually as appropriate
- Tasks that are a continuation of classroom work, projects, research and unfinished work

2.10 The types of homework that teachers at Albany Rise Primary School will include are:

- Completing consolidation exercises for Mathematics
- Completing Science investigation exercises
- Making or designing an artwork
- Practising and playing musical instruments
- Practising spelling words
- Practising sports skills
- Practising words/phrases learnt in a language other than English
- Reading background material for a subject
- Reading texts prior to class discussions
- Reading for enjoyment, then tracking via a Reading Log or diary
- Researching topics associated with set class work
- Revising/preparing for assessments

2.11 Applying new skills to home contexts, such as:

- Planning and cooking food, including following a recipe
- Helping to play a day trip or holiday, including timings, directions and costs
- Growing plants
- Reviewing a favourite film or book
- Writing a diary entry

2.12 Engaging with parents in learning activities, such as:

- Rehearsing a presentation with parent/carers, and seeking feedback
- Interviewing a family member as part of a research project

SHARED EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

3.1 Responsibilities and expectations for LEADERS at Albany Rise Primary School are to:

- Advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them access to the homework policy.

3.2 Responsibilities and expectations for TEACHERS at Albany Rise Primary School are to:

- Set homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- Ensure homework tasks are purposeful – this means they are deliberately designed and planned to support student learning (so, they are not 'busy work' or where students 'finish off' work they did/could not complete in class)
- Assess homework and provide timely and practical feedback
- Ensure the amount of homework set supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school hours
- Offer opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning



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3.3 Responsibilities and expectations for STUDENTS at Albany Rise Primary School are:

- Being aware of the school's homework policy
- Discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- Accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- Following up on comments made by teachers
- Seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- Organizing their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities

3.4 Responsibilities and expectations for PARENTS/CARERS at Albany Rise Primary School are:

- Ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- Talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- Discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home
- In dialogue, linking homework to:
 - Previous experiences the child and/or parent/carer may have had
 - Family culture, history and language
 - Relevant services, clubs, associations and community
- Ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS:

Albany Rise Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

COMMUNICATION:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Available publicity on our school's website
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/ sessions
- Discussed at student forums
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RESOURCES:

- The Department's Guidelines on Homework

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/homework/policy>



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Resources:

Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0APsGZOeO2A7QUk9PVA>

Website: <https://albanyrise-ps.vic.edu.au/about-us/policies/>

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