

HOMEWORK POLICY

At Everton Park State School we know that homework can have a positive impact on student learning. In primary school, the evidence suggests that it can have a 3-month impact on learning.

The evidence from the 'Toolkit for teaching and learning*', makes the following points about the most effective homework practices:

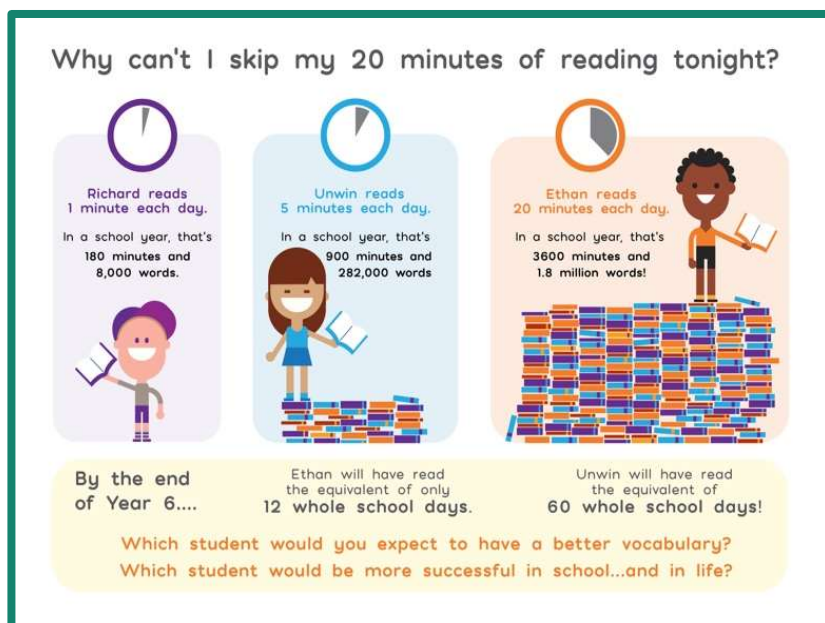
1. Effective homework is linked to classroom learning and is not seen by students as an add-on.
2. Effective homework has a purpose, and this is clear to students (e.g., to consolidate, revise or apply learning, to prepare students for upcoming learning, to develop fluency etc).
3. Completed homework is marked and has high quality feedback relating to future learning.

What is the purpose of homework for teachers, students and parents and caregivers?

Teachers offer homework as an opportunity to provide students extra practice and an opportunity for consolidation in the development of reading, spelling and number facts skills.

Homework enables parents and caregivers to support and monitor the progress of their child and to be actively involved in their learning.

Homework encourages children to be responsible, self-motivated learners who are able to organise their personal home study routines and manage their time.



What are the operating principles of homework at Everton Park State School?

1. Homework set will be appropriate to the needs and capabilities of the learner.
2. Homework will be consistently monitored by the teacher with feedback that is constructive and that feeds forward into future learning.
3. Homework will include reading every night. Spelling and number facts will be set as a weekly task.
4. Homework should not be seen as a punishment, a source of tension or stress – parents and caregivers are welcome to contact their child's teacher regarding any homework concerns.
5. Parents and caregivers are asked to communicate with teachers when set homework is not completed.
6. Teachers will contact parents and caregivers if homework is not completed regularly.
7. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to read to their child every night as a means of developing positive dispositions for reading and enhancing vocabulary development.
8. Additional homework resources are located on our website. These resources are aligned with the V9 Australian Curriculum and can be used to create personalised learning.
9. Homework is accessible for all students at Everton Park State School.

