



Homework Policy



Policy Statement

At Redhead Public School we believe that the role of homework in our students' lives needs to be considerate of international research, NSW Department of Education policy and community consultation. This information is used to structure a school based policy that satisfies departmental requirements and the needs of families and individual students.

Community consultation and survey responses indicated that our families want a choice in whether their child participates in homework activities. It is important that families are able to make their own decisions based on what is best for the family's work/life balance and life choices.

Homework may help students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Some international research suggests that homework may not, necessarily have a significant impact on future learning as we may have previously believed.

Homework provides an opportunity for parents/carers to participate in their child's education. Parents/carers in partnership with the school should feel confident to make decisions around homework for the student based on individual needs and family beliefs and wellbeing.

Purpose

- To develop sound, self-disciplined study habits
- To practise skills taught at school which will consolidate learning
- To be flexible in order to offer choice for best fit for the well-being of our families

Implementation

- Teachers are to refer to the NSW Department of Education Homework Policy for general guidance
- After community, P&C, staff and student consultation Redhead families will have the choice to 'opt in' or 'opt out' of homework for the individual student. A return slip will inform administration.
- Reading is always an important component of home learning for children K-6.
- Homework should be balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities.
- Teachers may request homework activities to be signed by a parent or caregiver.
- Redhead Public School's Homework Policy will be available to parents on the school website.
- Teachers should be consistent when applying their homework routines.
- Homework checklists for the class will not be displayed in classrooms.
- Student effort and performance in homework should be acknowledged in written and oral reporting processes.
- Homework will not be set to be completed over a weekend or holiday period.
- Assessment tasks will not be given as homework.
- Homework should be appropriate to student's skill level. Teachers are not required to individualise homework, however, they should take into account the abilities of students with special needs when setting tasks and may alter the task accordingly.



- Early Stage 1 students will be sent home 'readers' and/or sight words which require that their reading be listened to and practised each week night.
- Stage 1 students may on occasions be set some written work. However most homework at this stage is primarily practising reading and spelling skills. The students will be sent home 'readers', which require that their reading be listened to each weeknight.
- Week 5 each term will be designated as "Family Week", when no homework will be issued.

Types of Effective Homework

If homework is taken as an option it should pertain to one or more of the following categories:

- Practise and review literacy and numeracy skills that reinforce classroom learning.
- Activities that help to establish study habits and learning skills.
- Planning activities for tasks to be done in class.

Suggested Time

If the student/ parent opt in for homework the suggested timeframes are:

Early Stage 1	10 - 15 minutes approximately	Monday - Thursday
Stage 1	10 - 15 minutes approximately	Monday - Thursday
Stage 2	20 minutes approximately	Monday - Thursday
Stage 3	30 minutes approximately	Monday- Thursday

Please know that we aim to do what is best for each of our students. Homework Policies and Homework and Home Learning links are provided on our school website: www.redhead_p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Regards,

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Principal



Pleas return slip for Redhead Public School **Homework Policy**
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Week 3 Term 1

Having read the Redhead Public School Homework Policy and NSW Department of Education Homework Policy I/ we would like to respond in terms of homework arrangements for my student/s.

Student/s 1. _____	Class: _____	Opt in <input type="checkbox"/>	Opt out <input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	Class: _____	Opt in <input type="checkbox"/>	Opt out <input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	Class: _____	Opt in <input type="checkbox"/>	Opt out <input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	Class: _____	Opt in <input type="checkbox"/>	Opt out <input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: _____

Parent/ Carer

Signed and documented: _____

Teacher