



TIARO STATE SCHOOL

HOMework POLICY

Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation and cultural pursuits and employment.

Homework is most effective when it:

- Is related to class work
- is appropriate to particular years of schooling
- is varied and differentiated to individual learning needs
- consolidates, revises and/or applies students' classroom learning
- develops students' independence as a learner through extension activities such as investigating, researching, writing, designing, making
- assists students to prepare for upcoming classroom learning, such as collecting relevant materials and information, completing surveys and audits
- is monitored by the teacher.

Sample Homework Guidelines

Early Phase of Learning (Prep to Year 2)

In the early phase of learning all activities at home or in play can assist children to develop literacy, numeracy and problem-solving skills.

Homework tasks may include:

- Daily reading to, with, and by parents, caregivers or other family members
- Linking reading and mathematics concepts with familiar activities such as shopping, preparation of food, local environment and family outings
- Conversations about what is happening at school
- Preparation for oral presentations
- Opportunities to write for meaningful purposes

In the Prep year, generally students will not be set homework.

Homework in Years 1 and 2 could be up to but generally not more than one hour (1) per week.

Middle Phase (Year 3 to 6)

In the Middle Phase some homework can be completed daily, over a weekly or fortnightly period and may:

- Include daily independent reading
- Include revision of mathematics concepts
- Be coordinated across different subject areas, for example, setting a task such as writing a letter (English) to the local Member of Parliament (civics) about a local environmental matter (Science)
- Include extension of class work, projects and research.

Homework in Years 3 and 4 could be up to but generally not more than two (2) to three(3) hours per week.

Homework in Year 5 and 6 could be up to but generally not more than three (3) to four(4) hours per week.