



Claremont Special School Homework Policy



The P-12 curriculum, reporting and assessment framework specifies that all state schools must develop a Homework Policy in consultation with the school community. Parents, carers and teachers were consulted and the results have been used to create an authentic Homework Policy for Claremont Special School.

Purpose of Homework:

Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning and behaviour beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. It also helps children develop organisational and time management skills. At Claremont we believe that homework should reinforce learning that has taken place in the classroom and help students establish a deeper knowledge and understanding of the relevant curriculum.

School Responsibilities:

- Ensure the school community are aware of Claremont's Homework Policy.
- Review the Homework Policy annually.

Teacher Responsibilities:

- Negotiate with parents or carers the suitability of homework for their child on an annual basis and usually at the commencement of the school year.
- Provide homework that directly relates to the curriculum being covered in class, ensuring no new material is introduced as homework.
- Check homework regularly and provide timely feedback. Teachers will not provide a consequence for incomplete homework.
- Ensure the student has all relevant materials to complete homework tasks.
- Explicitly teach strategies pertaining to the homework, including organisational and time-management skills.
- Discuss with parents or carers any developing problems and suggesting strategies to assist with their homework.

Parent or Carer Responsibilities:

- Help your child complete homework by reading key questions and directing them to resources. Parent involvement is critical if homework is going to be beneficial.
- Encourage your child to organise their time and take responsibility for learning.
- Explain to your child the benefits and purpose of homework.
- Contact the relevant teacher to discuss any concerns about the nature of homework.

Student Responsibilities:

- Discuss with their teacher and their parents the homework expectations.
- Accept responsibility for completing homework tasks within set time frames.
- Seek assistance when difficulties arise.
- Organise your time at home to complete homework tasks.

Homework Agreement:

- Homework will only be given if the teacher and parent/carer believe the child will benefit from homework. By requesting homework the parent/carer acknowledges they are required to assist their child with homework.