



AUGUSTA STATE SCHOOL

Homework Policy

The community of Augusta State School believes that homework is an important part of the teaching and learning process. It provides opportunities for students to consolidate concepts and skills to develop positive lifelong learning habits.

We also recognise that it is important to maintain a healthy balance between homework expectations and the varied and numerous recreational, cultural and personal commitments involved in family life.

Homework is expected to be completed each week. Homework routines and expectations will be modelled during the start-up curriculum unit each year. These routines and expectations will be explained during initial family meetings with class teachers.

Core homework includes:

- Sound/word/spelling practice – reinforcement of class activities;
- Mathematics including number facts practice and Mathletics tasks;
- Literacy activities through Literacy Planet;
- Fifteen minutes daily home reading – reading is recorded on personal reading record.

Occasionally teachers may forward home specific homework related to a class task. Tasks may include writing for a particular purpose; gathering research for a project; preparation for assessment; practice for oral presentations and completion of tasks begin in the classroom.

Students will:

- Take responsibility for their learning by completing tasks on time and to the best of their ability.
- Seek advice and use feedback provided by their teachers to improve.
- Organise their time, with the support of their teachers and parents/carers, to meet recreational, school, cultural and family commitments.

Parents/Caregivers may assist their children by:

- Listening to them read.
- Taking an interest in and talking to them about school activities, in particular student's reflections on their learning.
- Encouraging and assisting them to organise their time and activities.
- Providing a suitable environment where they may complete their homework.
- Contacting their teachers to discuss any issues regarding homework.

Every opportunity will be taken to celebrate the commitment and effort that students put into completing their homework. Certificates are presented, in the classroom, for 25 nights of home reading. In addition to students earn individual points for Mathletics and Literacy Planet, the class earning the most points will receive a certificate on parade.