



# Wonthaggi North Primary School Homework Policy

## **Rationale:**

The Victorian parliament conducted an inquiry into homework practices. **The Inquiry into the Approaches to Homework in Victorian Schools found strong evidence "and general agreement" that homework had almost no academic benefit for primary-school students.** The inquiry followed a report by the NSW education department that also found no evidence that homework helped primary school students academically.

While the amount of reading done outside of school has consistently been found to relate to achievement in vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency, and general information. Students' reading achievement correlates with success in school and the amount of independent reading they do. Research has shown that simply reading for 20 minutes every day can significantly increase the chances of a child's educational success in the future.

## **Aims:**

- To encourage students' to read regularly
- To support improvement in students' reading

## **Implementation:**

Reading at home can be:  
 Students reading to someone,  
 Students reading to themselves,  
 Students being read to.

Students may be provided with level appropriate books to read or may source their own suitable reading material. All students will be encouraged to read from a variety of texts.

Students will be encouraged to read for the following,  
 Prep, grade 1 and grade 2 a minimum for 10-15 minutes  
 Grades 3 and 4 we suggest a minimum of 15 to 20 minutes  
 Grades 5 and 6 students should aim to read for at least 20 to minutes

Teachers will monitor home reading by checking entries in the reading diary on a weekly basis.

## **Evaluation:**

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