

# Carlingford West Public School

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## Homework policy

Our school in consultation with our communities have developed this school homework policy to meet the needs of our students. Our homework policy will be communicated to staff, students, parents and caregivers, particularly at the time of student enrolment.

Homework is a valuable part of schooling at Carlingford West Public School and allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Additionally, it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline.

Each grade will establish homework which is educationally beneficial and will meet the realistic expectations of students, teachers, parents and caregivers. Students will be set homework each Monday to Thursday (homework is to be presented on Friday) and parents are asked to check that the activities are completed. Encourage your child to read for pleasure, and to borrow from libraries, especially our school library. At times the projects, practise skills, research or learning may require the use of iPads or connection to internet. This supports our curriculum guidelines for 21st century learning.

Outside school interests such as music, sport, dance, clubs, etc. are also vital for the education of the whole child. Learning to use leisure time purposefully and creatively helps children to develop the five keys to success which are resilience, confidence, persistence, getting along and organisation. Please help your child to plan their activities so they have a balance of school, homework and out-of-school experiences.

**Early Stage One** - should not exceed 15 minutes a session. Children may require assistance with homework tasks and supervision is encouraged. Students should be able to independently read their home readers to a parent/guardian each night and should be an enjoyable and positive experience. Reading for 5 minutes every night of home readers, books from libraries such as our school library. Practise saying and writing sight words and preparing topic talks – 10 minutes.

**Stage 1** - should not exceed 30 minutes. Children may require assistance with homework tasks and supervision is encouraged. Students should be encouraged to complete most of their tasks independently. Reading for 10 minutes every night of home readers, books from libraries such as our school library. Spelling, Handwriting, Language or Mathematics activities for 20 minutes.

**Stage 2** - should not exceed 40 minutes a session. Students are expected to develop a sense of responsibility and an ability to plan their weekly activities effectively. Homework will include reading every night, mathematics, mentals, spelling, completion of unfinished work, projects, preparation for speech presentations and collecting resources for class lessons.

**Stage 3** - should not exceed 60 minutes a session. Parents are asked not to do any of the work for their children, but to contact the teacher if their child is experiencing any difficulties. Homework will include spelling, Mathematics, mentals, problem-solving, completion of class work, research work, projects, book reviews, current affairs, preparing presentation, language or writing activities.