



EAGLE JUNCTION STATE SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY



Rationale

In accordance with Education Queensland's Homework Policy, schools are required to develop a school homework policy in consultation with the school community (specified in the [P–12 curriculum, assessment and reporting framework \(PDF, 5.9MB\)](#))

At Eagle Junction State School, we have developed our Homework Policy through;

- Consultation with the school community
- dissemination to the school community
- reviewing in consultation with the school community
- Referring to the <https://education.qld.gov.au/parents-and-carers/community-engagement>

At Eagle Junction State School, we believe it is important to monitor implementation of the school homework policy to ensure:

- consistent and effective implementation occurs throughout the school – including a consistent approach to the amount of time students are to spend in completing homework (at particular year levels and in particular learning areas)
- the amount of homework is balanced across all learning areas to allow sufficient time for family, recreation, and community and cultural activities
- students are not disadvantaged by the lack of access to resources such as computers and the internet outside school
- homework is effective in supporting learning.

At Eagle Junction State School, we believe Homework is most effective when it:

- is clearly related to class work and whole school priorities (Reading, Number, Writing and Spelling)
- is appropriate to particular years of schooling
- is varied and differentiated to individual learning needs
- supports learning and 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
- allows sufficient time for family, recreation, and community and cultural activities
- does not disadvantage students due to lack of access to resources.



Homework Policy

The purpose of homework

Homework is designed to:

- reinforce learning from the classroom;
- provide a positive opportunity for interaction between family members; and
- encourage the development of independent study habits.

Prep 1, 2 and 3 no more than 1 hr per week

Prep

- Daily reading – format will evolve as the year progresses
- Letter/sound relationships

Year 1&2

- Daily reading - at least 10 mins per day
- Basic facts

Year 3&4

- Daily reading
- Spelling
- Basic facts

Year 4 and 5 (no more than 2-3 hrs per week)

Year 5&6

- Daily reading
- Spelling
- Basic facts

Year 6 (no more than 4 hrs per week)

Teachers may include other elements such as

- Language concepts
- Reading Eggs
- Matific(not year 6)

On occasion, class work such as research or investigations may be included.

Additional, real life home activities that may enhance learning:

- reading together regularly
- playing games
- accessing Matific / Reading Eggs
- money related thinking e.g. budgeting, running errands, calculating change
- cooking
- shopping
- time related conversations and problem solving
- retelling the plot of stories, TV shows or movies
- writing tasks such as lists, notes, birthday cards, postcards and emails

Our agreement

Students

Accept responsibility for completion of homework

Request assistance if needed

Ensure homework is handed in on time

Accept consequences for lack of completion

Parents

Provide an appropriate environment with supervision, support and encouragement

Assist children to balance the range of outside school activities in which they may engage, such as family, recreation, community and cultural activities

Communicate with the teacher should difficulties arise

Sign work as required

Teachers

Provide homework appropriate to the work being undertaken in class and aligned to personal learning goals

Be consistent in the approach to the setting of homework and subsequent feedback

A Curriculum Overview is distributed each term (also available on our school website) with the details of content being studied. This may assist in exploring study related topics at home.

Our homework guidelines align with the Department of Education and Training requirements

<https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/stages-of-schooling/p-12>