Nicholson Street Public School
Homework Policy

**Purpose**

Homework is:

- A tool for reinforcement of concepts and skills
- A tool for extended and enriched learning opportunities
- A tool for establishing and enhancing study habits and self-discipline
- A tool to further the learning partnership between home and school
- A tool to reinforce the importance of family time, recreation and cultural pursuits relevant to a student’s age and development

**Principles**

Homework at Nicholson Street Public School is ‘High Quality’ learning that engages students and provides opportunities for learning to take place outside the classroom. All homework set is ‘Manageable’ for students, staff and parents. The expectations for the successful completion of homework tasks are ‘Easily communicated’ and able to be personalised to cater for the needs of all students. The homework provided across all grades is ‘Consistent’.

**Implementation: What does homework look like at Nicholson Street Public School?**

**Structure:** Fortnightly homework across all year levels will be presented in grid form (as pioneered by educational researcher, Ian Lillico) and will incorporate a balanced range of core enrichment activities. The approach advocates a balance of:

- Physical activity
- Academic revision and learning
- Cultural pursuits
- Engagement in and around the home

**Expectations:** All students are expected to complete their homework to the best of their ability taking into account their personal needs and situations.

**Time:** The time spent on homework will vary from child to child however all children should aim for the following as a minimum amount of focused time spent.

- Early Stage 1: 15 minutes every day (consisting mainly of reading)
- Stage 1: 15 minutes every day
- Stage 2: 20 minutes every day
- Stage 3: 25-30 minutes every day
Students can help themselves by:
✓ Completing the homework within the fortnight
✓ Completing the tasks to the best of their ability
✓ Handing in completed homework on time
✓ Asking questions if help is required

Parents/Caregivers can help their children by:
✓ Setting up a homework area
✓ Talking to your child about the importance of homework
✓ Scheduling a daily or weekly homework timetable
✓ Supporting your child in completing homework

Teachers can help their students by:
✓ Planning homework that provides varied, challenging and meaningful tasks
✓ Checking completed homework fortnightly
✓ Providing timely and practical feedback on completed tasks
✓ Ensuring parents are aware of the school homework policy

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