

Mawson Lakes School

Homework Guidelines

Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills. It can establish habits of study, concentration, time-management and self-discipline. It allows for practicing and consolidating work done in class.

Homework tasks will:

- Reinforce learning that has occurred in class
- Incorporate flexibility for completion over a week or fortnight
- Include a variety of mental, physical and social activities
- Be designed to enable students to complete them independently
- Have an element of fun and enjoyment
- Recognise that students have other commitments such as sport and home responsibilities
- Include daily reading (Early Years: to, with and by parents, caregivers or older siblings; Primary and Middle Years: independent reading)
- Attract regular feedback from teachers

Homework tasks will not:

- Exceed the following minutes per week:
R-2 – 1hr per week (ie 15 mins 4 times a week)
Yrs 3-4 – 2hrs per week (ie 30 mins 4 times a week)
Yrs 5-7 – 3hrs per week (ie 45 mins 4 times a week)
- Disadvantage students who do not have access to technology, equipment and adult support
- Be used for assessment purposes

Notes:

It is important that students should not work longer than the maximum time if frustrated or tired. In such cases, parents / caregivers should write a note of explanation in their child's communication book.

Students may choose to continue homework for longer periods providing they are enjoying it. It is important for students to be involved in some activities other than homework after school (eg physical or sporting activities)

