



# Homework Policy

## PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Maryborough Education Centre's (MEC) policy requirements relating to homework.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at MEC.

## RATIONALE

MEC has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the school council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge
- providing opportunities for students to prepare for future lessons
- encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

## DEFINITIONS

**Homework** is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

## POLICY

At MEC all homework set by teachers will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned
- appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- monitored by the teacher
- where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.

The types of homework that teachers at MEC will include are:

- finishing incomplete work from class time
- completing consolidation exercises for mathematics
- practising spelling words
- reading background material for a subject
- reading English texts prior to class discussion
- reading for pleasure
- revising/preparing for tests
- completing assignments/activities on Microsoft Teams
- engaging with parents in learning activities such as:
  - rehearsing a presentation with parent/carers, and seeking their feedback
  - interviewing a family member as part of a research project.

## SHARED EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

Responsibilities and expectations for **leaders at MEC** are to:

- advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy.

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at MEC** are to:

- set homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- ensure homework tasks are purposeful – this means they are deliberately designed and planned to support student learning
- encourage completion of outstanding class work in students' own time
- assess homework and provide timely and practical feedback
- communicate with parents/ carers any homework requirements
- offer opportunities via XUNO app for families to engage in their children's learning.

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing homework expectations with their parents/carers
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- use homework time to study class work to consolidate or extend learning
- attending tutorials if they did not complete required tasks.
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise.

Responsibilities and expectations for **parents/carers** are:

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

## SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

MEC understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

## REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 and is scheduled for review as part of the school's 3 year review cycle.

***This policy was last ratified by School Council on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.***

Signed:



**Anita Ford**  
**School Council President**

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