



**ILLAWARRA**

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# Homework Policy

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## ILLAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

Every school is expected to have a documented approach to homework that takes into account the needs of the students and their phase of their development, and reflects the context of the school.

### RATIONALE

Homework can support higher levels of student achievement by extending the time available for students to consolidate skills and concepts learned at school.

### POLICY

Year 1 to 6 students at Illawarra Primary School will be given regular homework up to 4 nights a week. Homework will relate directly to the learning and teaching program and be appropriate to the needs of students.

### GUIDELINES

Homework should;

- Support the development of the student's independence as a learner;
- Further the partnership between school and home;
- Avoid dependence on unreasonable levels of parental assistance or resources that are not readily available to the student;
- Be set without impinging on reasonable time for family, recreational and cultural pursuits
- Be phased in gradually and consistently as students move through the primary years;
- Be consistently applied, monitored and assessed in a whole-school approach that is responsive to individual needs and learning area requirements.
- Homework may consist of reading practice, completion of class work, consolidation of concepts and skills taught at school or individual work to improve a child's understanding of particular skills or concepts;
- The following time allocations are provided as guidelines for the setting of class homework. All teachers will provide specific information regarding homework expectations in their Class Policy handout which is distributed to parents at the beginning of the school year.

### YEAR LEVEL

### TIMES PER DAY (Up to 4 days per week)

Kindergarten/Pre-Primary

Not applicable

Years 1 – 3

Approximately 15 minutes

Years 4 & 5

Approximately 20 minutes

Year 6

Approximately 30 minutes