



# Homework Policy

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## *Background*

There has been a wide range of research regarding the positive and negative effects of homework on student performance and attainment.

The Department of Education's document on homework states that homework can support higher levels of student achievement by extending the time available for students to consolidate skills and concepts learned at school. It also extends the time available for the exploration of new ideas and new situations, and the time available to the teacher for the monitoring of student progress

It is mandated that each school have a documented approach to homework that takes into account the needs of the students and the phase of their development, and reflects the context of the school. It is expected that homework will relate directly to the learning and teaching programs appropriate to the needs of the students.

## *Homework at Bramfield Park Primary School*

Staff at Bramfield Park Primary School believe the connection between home and school can have a powerful impact on the mindset of parents and students. It is therefore important to maintain a positive connection and manage expectations of homework.

Bramfield Park PS staff endorse the following 3 core ideals as homework for our students;

**1. Read or be read to every night.**

Reading is fundamental to functioning in today's society and helps children develop their imagination. Students who are read to gain essential pre-reading and oral language skills that are critical for learning.

**2. Get outside and play (reduce screen time)**

Excessive amounts of screen time can have an impact on children's language development and social skills. Children need real-life interactions to develop these skills. Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them.

**3. Get a good night's sleep.**

The benefits of a good night's sleep include helping the body to grow, improved immune system, better memory, become more attentive and active in class and improved behaviour.

Students may also be required to complete unfinished work from class and/or work on a specific learning project as set by the teacher. Each teacher will have different expectations in regards to homework so it is important to liaise with your child's teacher at an early stage.