



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Lara Lake Primary School on 5282 1261.

Rationale:

Lara Lake Primary School has a Homework Policy to support parents / carers who wish their child to complete Homework. The policy also makes clear the delineation between Homework and Home Reading (see Home Reading Guidelines).

Implementation:

- Homework is distinct from Home Reading. The school acknowledges research that indicates that Homework in the primary school years has a very limited positive impact on student learning outcomes, as evidenced by the work of Professor John Hattie, University of Melbourne, "Homework in primary school has a limited effect"
- The school acknowledges the importance of Home Reading, which leads to enhanced educational outcomes across all areas of the curriculum
- Home Reading is an expectation at Lara Lake Primary School. It is strongly recommended that all students read or are read to frequently at home (see Home Reading Guidelines)
- The school acknowledges that student and family circumstances vary and depending on these, some parents / carers may wish their child to complete Homework
- Homework will not be set by the class teacher, and completion of any Homework is optional, with this decision being made by the parent / carer
- There will be no reward systems set up by teachers around Homework
- There will be no consequences for non-completion of Homework
- The school's Homework policy will be made available on the Lara Lake Website.

Homework Resources:

Following are a list of resources intended to support parents / carers who may wish their child to complete homework:

Mathematics

- Essential Assessment (LLPS Subscription) <https://www.essentialassessment.com.au/student/>
- NRich- free problem solving website <https://nrich.maths.org/>
- Khan Academy- individualized learning in mathematics. <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- Maths Playground-Maths games, logic puzzles and brain busters <https://www.mathplayground.com/>

Writing

- Scholastic Story Starters Writing ideas try <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/>
- Range of spelling and word activities/games for all year levels: <https://www.education.com/games/spelling/>

Inquiry Topics

- National Geographic Kids <https://www.natgeokids.com/au/>
- Ducksters <https://www.ducksters.com/>
- Behind The News. Current weekly program as well as archived segments <https://www.abc.net.au/btn/>

Other Curriculum Areas:

- Scootle Digital learning resources for Australian students <https://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/p/home>
- ABC Education Free linked curriculum resources for students <https://education.abc.net.au/home#!/home>



- Cool Australia Video clips, documentaries, images, articles, stories and news for a variety of topics for projects, research and further learning. <https://www.coolaustralia.org/>
- FUSE Free resources from the Department Of Education and Training can be found on the following site: <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/funathome>

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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