



Pukekohe North School

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Homework Policy:

Rationale:

The Education of students is the shared responsibility of Teachers and Parents / Caregivers. Homework provides the consolidation and enrichment of school related activities at home ideally with the support and encouragement of whanau.

Purposes:

1. Homework is not compulsory at Pukekohe North School but a suggested regular activity to practice and develop skills useful to the student's learning journey
2. Completing Homework voluntarily will encourage students to learn independent self management skills in preparation for learning at higher educational levels. (Yrs 9+)
3. Students will be encouraged to continue their learning beyond school hours and set timetables.
4. Students could read to discover and learn and for recreational purposes.
5. Personal Spelling Lists will be compiled from actual student errors and spelling needs and be encouraged to be practiced at home
6. Number knowledge could be practiced weekly

Guidelines:

1. Teachers must ensure that homework activities:
2. Are not any 'new' work and complements the day's in-class programme and be purposeful and tied to the learning goals of the child / their group
3. Homework should NOT take longer than-
4. Year 1-2 = 5-10 minutes
5. Year 3-4 = 10-15 minutes
6. Year 5-6 = 15-20 minutes
7. Year 7-8 = 20-30 minutes
8. Homework should be able to be completed without adult assistance

Conclusion:

Homework should not be considered as an onerous task nor as an unearned punishment. Extra Curricula, out of school activities such as sports involvement, membership of Church Groups, Visual / Performing Arts activities are all educational and relevant learning situations for our students as are the development of interests and hobbies to advance personal skills and knowledge acquisition.

Approved by the Pukekohe North School Board of Trustees at their meeting of:

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