



Highgate School Home-learning Policy

At Highgate School we acknowledge that our students spend valuable time out of school hours developing a wide range of skills through many activities. Participating in activities such as art lessons, sports, music lessons, cultural activities, performances and clubs are all valuable learning experiences for students which can place additional demands on family time.

We believe physical activity and sleep are important for all children. The Department of Health recommends 60 minutes or more of moderate to vigorous activity per day for 5-17 year olds along with 9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep. It is important that our policy supports this. To help families to maintain balance, home-learning will not always be set every night.

Roles

Students will:

- ✓ Ensure they know what home-learning is required and complete the tasks
- ✓ Let their teacher know if they don't understand
- ✓ Negotiate any adjustments with their teacher e.g. timelines

Parents will:

- ✓ Support their child to gather any resources they might need
- ✓ Be aware of home-learning timelines and encourage their child to meet these
- ✓ Provide a suitable place to complete the home-learning
- ✓ Communicate with teachers if their child was unable to complete the home-learning

We encourage parents to take an interest in their child's home-learning and provide support when necessary, but it is important not to complete the work for them.

Teachers will:

- ✓ Provide home-learning that:
 - Supports the class learning or required fluency skills for that year level/student
 - Is purposeful and meaningful
 - Is achievable independently, with some challenge
 - Is set over multiple nights, acknowledging outside of school activities students are involved in
- ✓ Clearly communicate home-learning expectations
- ✓ Provide feedback to students (this may be in the form of peer feedback)

Types of home-learning that may be set

Reception – Year 2	Years 3-7
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Reading (levelled readers or library book)✓ Reading or spelling sight-words✓ SMART Spelling✓ Prepare for "Speaking and Listening" topics (e.g. rehearse or gather resources)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Inquiry Project✓ Home-learning grid with a range of activities to select from (these may include social or life skills as well as academic skills)✓ Fluency practice such as number facts✓ Spelling✓ Finishing off from in class

Students in all year levels will be expected to read each night.