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# Homework Policy

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At Mudgeeraba State School, we recognise the importance of a balanced and effective approach to homework that supports the learning needs of our students while considering their well-being, family time, and access to resources. This policy aims to establish a whole school approach to homework, ensuring consistency, fairness, and a positive impact on student development.

## Policy Development

The school has developed a homework policy that aligns with educational standards, reflects the curriculum, and addresses the diverse needs of our students. This policy will be communicated to the school community through various channels, including newsletters, the school website, and partnership of learning meetings.

## Monitoring and Review

To ensure the effectiveness of our homework policy, regular monitoring and review processes will be implemented. The school will assess whether homework supports learning, allows sufficient time for family, recreation, and community/cultural activities, and ensures that no student is disadvantaged due to a lack of access to resources.

## Effectiveness of Homework

Homework at Mudgeeraba State School is considered effective when it:

1. **Relates to the Curriculum:** Homework assignments are directly connected to the classroom learning objectives and curriculum.
2. **Consolidates, Revises and Applies Learning:** Homework serves to reinforce and apply students' classroom learning, fostering a deeper understanding of the material.
3. **Differentiated to Individual Needs:** Teachers provide homework that caters to the diverse learning needs of individual students, ensuring inclusivity and personalized support.
4. **Develops Independence:** Homework assignments are designed to promote students' independence as learners, encouraging self-directed study habits.
5. **Prepares for Upcoming Classroom Learning:** Homework helps students prepare for future lessons, enabling them to engage more actively in classroom activities.

## Purpose of Homework

Homework at Mudgeeraba State School aims to:

1. **Consolidate Classroom Learning:** Provide students with opportunities to reinforce and consolidate their understanding of class materials.
2. **Develop Study Habits:** Foster the development of good study habits and organizational skills essential for academic success.
3. **Involve Family Members:** Engage families in the learning process by encouraging parents to support and participate in their child's homework activities.
4. **Reading for Enjoyment:** Encourage reading for pleasure by providing a range of books in English and home languages, available for free borrowing from the school or local council library.

## Communication with Teachers

If a student experiences difficulty understanding their homework, parents are encouraged to communicate with the class teacher. Teachers will be available to provide support and clarification to ensure the student's successful completion of the homework.

## Teacher Discretion

Teachers have the discretion to decide not to assign homework based on the specific needs and circumstances of their students.

This homework policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its relevance and effectiveness in promoting positive learning outcomes for all students at Mudgeeraba State School.

## Instrumental Music homework

Please note that students who have instrumental music lessons at school may be required to undertake further homework in addition to their class homework allocation (i.e. instrument practice).

## References

Department of Education Queensland (2023). *P-12 curriculum, assessment and reporting framework*.