**Homework Policy**

The purpose of homework given at Landsdale Gardens Primary School is to support the learning that is taking place in the classroom. Providing homework allows students additional time to consolidate skills and concepts learnt at school and provides parents with a format for supporting their child’s learning.

Homework fosters our value of ‘shared responsibility’ as parents can take an active role in their child’s learning. It is one of the many ways for us to keep parents informed about their child’s learning program and progress. Homework encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning beyond the classroom and to begin managing their time independently.

To support our students in reaching their full potential, all classroom teachers at Landsdale Gardens Primary School will provide at-home learning opportunities that relate directly to the learning and teaching programs appropriate to the needs of the students. These opportunities will not only support learning in the classroom, but the development of our students becoming lifelong learners.

**Guidelines**

Homework at Landsdale Gardens Primary School will:

* Reinforce skills and concepts being taught in the classroom.
* Support the achievement of the learning outcomes in the Western Australian Curriculum.
* Be developmentally appropriate for individual students.
* Foster students’ independence and responsibility as a learner.
* Be monitored by the classroom teacher.
* Be clearly articulated to parents and caregivers at the start of the year and through Compass.
* Be set within a reasonable timeframe.
* Be supported and implemented by all staff.
* Be consistent across same year levels.

**Expectations**

Governmental recommendations for the appropriate amount of time spent doing homework activities are as follows:

* Foundation Stage – up to 1 hour per week
* Years 1 and 2 - 1 hour per week
* Years 3 and 4 - 1.5 hours per week
* Years 5 and 6 - 30 minutes per day

We feel that this is generally an appropriate amount of homework to expect from children at these phases. However, we also acknowledge that children and families can often have very busy times and homework should be flexible enough to work around this. Homework should contribute to the overall holistic development of the child and not prevent children and families from doing any extra activities at any time.

Among other learning opportunities, homework at Landsdale Gardens Primary School will involve:

* Reading of developmentally appropriate texts.
* Practise of high frequency words and or/spelling strategies.
* Practise of Mathematical skills/Basic Facts.

Parents can support their child’s learning by:

* Reading to your child and listening to your child read and discuss what is being read.
* Revising high frequency words.
* Revising spelling words and their meaning.
* Practising maths skills such as times tables.

Homework is strongly encouraged but not compulsory. Students are encouraged to take responsibility of their home-learning.

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