

## Harris Fields State School Homework Policy

At Harris Fields State School we view homework as:

Providing students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. We believe a balance of family and recreation and cultural activities is essential for developing capable and confident citizens. The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle.

The only homework expected from all students is home reading. Reading is an essential skill in life and research has proven that effective readers are avid readers who consistently practice.

Student in Prep to year 3 are expected to read for 10 – 15 minutes each night and should include:

- The student being read to by an adult
- The student reading a familiar text to an adult
- Independent reading by the student.

Year 3 to 6 reading at home should include:

Independent reading for between 10 and 20 minutes each night.

It may also include learning the meaning of and spelling ten new words from their reading each week. Teachers may preselect the words or leave the selection up to students.

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