



## HOMework POLICY

Successful schools see education as a collaborative process between the student, parent and the school, and consider parents to be 'partners' in their children's education. Research shows that there is an important role for parents in the development and educational performance of their children.

Homework can be a means of furthering school-home relationships and can assist in keeping parents informed about the students' learning program and progress. Homework's value is largely as a tool to develop the capacity of students.

Darlington Primary does not have any set recommended time periods for homework. In addition to daily reading and regularly practise of basic numeracy facts, online programs such as Mathletics and Study Ladder are encouraged.

One of the keys to successful homework is COMMUNICATION. It is necessary that open discussion between parents, students and teachers be established. It is valuable for students and parents to talk with teachers if homework time becomes a stressful situation. It is expected that homework will relate directly to current learning and teaching programs.

**Teachers** are encouraged to:

- Clearly state the purpose of the tasks to be completed.
- Monitor and provide feedback to the students.
- Praise students for completing tasks

**Students** are encouraged to:

- Share their student diary/journal to parents (as relevant)
- Read independently (or with a family member) on a daily basis
- Complete all tasks neatly and honestly
- Submit tasks as per due dates. See class teacher if you have any questions

**Parents** are encouraged to:

- Read to their children regularly and talk about books that their children are reading. Research indicates that parental reading to children increases the child's reading and other cognitive skills up to age 11. **This is an early life intervention that is to be encouraged.**
- Provide a reasonably quiet, suitable place for children to complete homework.
- Check that all homework has been completed and sign the student diary/journal
- Encourage the student and praise them when they have completed their assigned work.
- Discuss with class teacher if any concerns arise.