



## Home Learning Policy

### Rationale

Home learning is most constructive when there is choice and flexibility in task and timing. Home learning should support partnerships with parents by connecting families with the learning of their children.

### Aim

To inform the school community of the approach to home learning at Fairfield Primary School.

### Implementation

#### HOME LEARNING

- At Fairfield Primary School, we do not assign homework. Instead, we offer Home Learning Statements (HLS), which list optional activities that families may wish to take up.
- The school will distribute year level specific Home Learning Statements (HLS) in the areas of Mathematics and Writing on a termly basis. These are available on the school website, on the Home Learning page.
- A HLS is a description of work undertaken in the classroom and a set of optional tasks that parents and students can complete together, which build upon what is being taught in the classroom. The tasks for home use and are not returned to school.
- On occasions, individual students will receive specific learning tasks, which they are expected to complete to support their classroom learning. For example, a student may be given a list of words that they are to practise reading.
- Some students at the school have an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) if they are 12 months below or two years above the expected grade learning level in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Individual Learning Plans contain strategies that can support the children's learning at home.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is recommended that children read every day, in addition to the reading they do at school. Children can read to or with parents, carers or older siblings. This is strongly recommended for children from Foundation to Year 4.
- In Foundation to Year 2, students receive a reading folder, which includes a reading diary. Parents and children are encouraged to read and use the diary on a daily basis.
- Daily independent reading is strongly encouraged for children in Years 5 and 6.

### Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of Fairfield Primary School's 3-year review cycle in December 2022.

This policy was ratified by School Council in **December 2019**