

**Hawker Park Primary School**  
**Homework Policy**  
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Homework can be a controversial topic with some people believing it has no educational value whilst others believing it is essential.

The Department of Education Guidelines suggest that homework can support higher levels of student achievement by extending the time available for students to consolidate skills and concepts learned at school. It may also extend the time available for the exploration of new ideas. Homework may be a means of furthering school-home relationships and may assist in keeping parents informed about the student's learning programme and progress.

At Hawker Park PS, we believe that if homework is given, it should not be more than about 30 minutes a day Monday to Thursday. Teachers may set homework that may include spelling, reading, maths and project work. At our parent information evening on Tuesday week two, term one each year, teachers will inform parents of what they may expect in the form of homework for their child during the year.

Homework should not impinge on reasonable time for family, other pursuits or recreation.

If homework is provided, we firmly believe that it should be a positive experience for the student. Homework may assist with developing independence hence students should be able to complete the task with minimal parental assistance.

There will not be a punishment for a child who does not complete homework. Where possible, parents are asked to communicate to the classroom teacher if set homework could not be completed.

Parents at Hawker Park PS have a choice regarding whether their child is given homework or not. If parents do not wish their child to receive homework, they may request this in writing to the class teacher.

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**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHER**

I \_\_\_\_\_, do wish/do not wish my child \_\_\_\_\_ in TA  
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to be given homework.

If circumstances change, I will inform the classroom teacher.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_