



# BANKSIA PARK SCHOOL R-7

Learning for Life – Pathways to Excellence

## HOMEWORK POLICY

### POLICY STATEMENT

A child's learning is most effective when students, teachers and parents are working together with common goals and expectations. Activities that children engage in at home support the learning that happens at school. Children are all individual learners with unique needs. Homework should have a clear purpose and not be set for its own sake.

### POLICY DETAILS

All students will undertake the following:

- Reading
- Basic skills such as spelling, word recognition, number facts
- Preparation for news/sharing
- Catch up on unfinished work
- Safe routes to school

In addition, years 3 – 7 will undertake a range of activities relevant to their individual needs and current classroom learning.

It is expected that the following time guidelines will generally apply:

- Reception – year 2                      10 – 15 minutes per day
- Years 2 – 4                                14 – 20 minutes per day
- Years 4 – 6                                20 – 30 minutes per day
- Year 7                                        30 – 45 minutes per day

(noting that year 8 students at Banksia Park International High School are expected to do 90 minutes per day of homework).

Student responsibilities:

- Complete all work set to the best of their ability in the timeframes allowed
- Discuss with their teachers any problems they may have with the work that has been set

Teacher responsibilities:

- Set realistic, meaningful and relevant tasks
- Follow up and provide feedback to students
- Provide information to parents about homework in general and the specific homework needs of their child

Parent/Caregiver responsibilities:

- Support/help child
- Encourage regular homework habits
- Praise child's efforts
- Supervise
- Guide
- Avoid taking over and doing child's work
- Inform teachers in writing if homework is not completed
- Negotiate with teachers for the homework needs of child

**REFERENCES**

**ENDORSEMENT AND REVIEW**

**Principal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Governing Council Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**It is recommended this policy should be Reviewed by** \_\_\_\_\_