

## HOMEWORK POLICY



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Sunshine Special Developmental School on 9311 4804

### PURPOSE

To outline to our school community the Department's and Sunshine Special Developmental School policy requirements relating to homework.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Sunshine Special Developmental School.

### RATIONALE

Sunshine Special Developmental School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

### DEFINITIONS

**Homework** is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

### POLICY

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting homework.

SSDS acknowledges that homework should be tailored and adapted to suit the personal and developmental needs of students.

Teachers at SSDS are encouraged to exercise their discretion in assigning tasks that are appropriate for their students and most likely to be meaningful.

The objective of homework should be to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been introduced during class time.

Homework will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, or by parents/guardians or older siblings as well as the use of and modelling of AAC (Augmented and Alternative Communication) where appropriate.

## SHARED EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	14 November 2022
Consultation	Policy sub-committee
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	14 November 2026

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