NORTH BEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL

JUNIOR PRIMARY HOMEWORK POLICY

PHILOSOPHY
At North Beach, we believe that although homework can be a valuable aspect of the learning process, for young children, play and family time is also valuable.

Young children work and concentrate very hard all day at school and should have the opportunity to play and have family time when they get home.

Therefore, in the Junior Primary, homework will be sent as extra practice, for you to do with your child when and if it suits your family. It is always planned as a way for children to consolidate what they have been learning at school, and never as an opportunity for them to learn something new.

HOMEWORK WILL INCLUDE
Homework will always include Home Reading. In early years, exposure and practice with reading is one of the most important learning experiences. At North Beach, we do expect that ALL children will read or be read to EVERY day.

Homework in the Junior Primary may or may not also include spelling, sight word or mathematics practice, and activities relating to current themes. This will not necessarily mean that there will be homework to be done every night.

In the Junior Primary, homework is always at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Each class’s homework will differ depending on the current learning taking place in class and on specific student’s needs. Please trust that if your child needs extra practice with a particular skill, the classroom teacher will discuss this with you and give you activities to be done.

Please discuss any concerns with your child’s teacher whenever necessary.

HOMEWORK POLICY AT NORTH BEACH (Yrs 4-7)

School homework is a valuable aspect of the learning process and contributes to the development of sound study habits. It gives opportunity to:
• develop reliability
• develop time management skills
• practise newly acquired skills
• parents to see the work the child is currently doing.
As a general rule, homework may be given up to four nights of the week for approximately half an hour. For younger students the time is reduced accordingly. Reading for pleasure should be a scheduled part of the homework program.

Please discuss the matter of homework with your child’s teacher whenever necessary.

Homework Diary
The HOMEWORK DIARY is a move to help children to grow in a positive educational environment that includes the school and the home, the teachers and the parents.

The use of the diary will have the benefits of:

• training children in study planning
• enhancing communication between parents and teachers
• improving awareness of important notices.

Guidelines for Parents in the use of the homework diary
1. Check the diary each day for entries made by the children and/or the teacher.
2. Ensure that the child carries out the home studies listed.
3. Sign the diary to indicate you have sighted it and noted any written communication it contained.
4. Encourage the child to be neat when making entries in the diary.

If there are problems.
If, on a particular night, other commitments prevent the child doing the homework please write a brief statement to that effect in the diary and name an alternate time for the homework completion.

If the time spent on homework exceeds the 30-40 minutes expected contact the teacher so it can be established whether this is a difficulty with the work or a difficulty in the child’s self organisation ie work meant to be completed in stages over several nights left to the last night.

If you prefer your child not to be given homework please notify the school in writing. When making your decision please take into account that excluding your child from homework will limit the school’s ability to develop in your child habits of reliability and to give extra practice of newly mastered skills.