



Lake Albert Public School

Home Learning Procedures



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HOME LEARNING PROCEDURES

RATIONALE

This document defines the procedures for school students of the NSW Department of Education for the appropriate and acceptable allocation of homework (referred to from hereon in as home learning) within the Lake Albert Public School setting. Home learning bridges the gap between learning at school and learning at home. It reinforces learning from class and helps develop skills such as research, time management, study, concentration and self discipline. Home learning should be a purposeful learning experience which should consolidate and enrich the school's program and should further the school/home partnership in the education of the child.

PURPOSE

Lake Albert Primary School has a Home Learning Procedures policy to ensure a consistent approach is adopted across the school promoting the practise of concepts students learn in the classroom and those skills and strategies required to establish strong academic foundations.

IMPLEMENTATION

- a) Home learning is designed to reinforce classroom concepts and should not involve new learning or require the parent/carer to be the teacher. The parent/carer is welcome to support their child's learning and understanding.
- b) The school's home learning procedures will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year via the school website, or in hardcopy if requested.
- c) The school acknowledges the balance required between healthy and active home lives and the need to form good out-of-school routines with the involvement of sporting commitments and other extra curricular activities.
- d) Parents should regularly monitor their child's home learning but not do the tasks for them.
- e) The school encourages healthy and ongoing communication with the class teacher should there be any issues relating to home learning.
- f) Home learning may differ between grade levels but will remain similar in expectation across the entire school (see Home Learning Breakdown).
- g) The home learning expectation is that students will be required to read regularly, and complete some form of mathematics and spelling consolidation.
- h) At all levels, teachers may offer optional additional home learning for students to complete. This may be interest based, linked to an integrated unit or relate to an aspect of class work.
- i) Home learning will be provided by class teachers, however, will be completed and checked at the discretion of the parent and will be an optional based school requirement.

- j) Students will not be disadvantaged or penalised for incomplete home learning tasks, for failure to return home learning or for opting out of home learning. They will not be required to complete any incomplete tasks during class or break times.
- k) Home learning will not be reported on in Semester 1 or Semester 2 student reports.
- l) Home learning is considered an optional task for families and parents and carers may choose to opt out of receiving home learning by advising their child's class teacher in writing.

HOME LEARNING BREAKDOWN

Lake Albert Public School will provide an agreed amount of home learning tasks that are age, ability and time appropriate. Participation in home learning tasks remains an optional decision. The expectation for each year group is as follows:

- a) Home reading
- b) Spelling reinforcement and practise
- c) Mathematics concept practise (such as multiplication tables)
- d) Optional - Sight word/vocabulary consolidation and practise (where needed)
- e) Optional - other tasks as directed by the class teacher, relevant to the learning in class (such as a project, research assignment)
- f) Optional – extracurricular, life skills or social based grid style activities completed over time.

The expectation is that home learning tasks are given to students on a Monday and are returned to school on the Friday of the same week, unless otherwise indicated by the classroom teacher.

FEEDBACK

The expectation is that all home learning tasks set by the class teacher will be marked by the class teacher.

CONTACT US

For questions and enquires regarding home learning at Lake Albert Public School please contact the school by phone on 6922 6400 or email lakealbert-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.