

**AVOCA BEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOMEWORK POLICY
(Revised June 2001)**

PURPOSE

Homework enhances and reinforces the learning and development of students and encourages and supports parental involvement in student learning and the home/school partnership.

AIMS

- To establish regular patterns of homework and to develop sound working habits in each student;
- To provide interesting and stimulating homework activities designed to enrich, extend and/or reinforce concepts learned at school;
- To provide an opportunity for parents to become involved in their children's education, to be informed as to the curriculum content being covered at school, and to have an indication of the level at which their children are achieving;
- To support students in the development of skills, knowledge and concepts according to their own stage of development.

IMPLEMENTATION

- It is the responsibility of teachers to assign homework that is purposeful, achievable, tailored to individual needs and regularly monitored;
- The amount of homework will vary according to age and learning needs. Particular emphasis should be placed on English and Mathematics;
- Homework should be completed on weekdays and not required to be completed on weekends;
- Homework should be revision or completion of class work rather than the introduction of new concepts or activities for most students. However, extension work may be required for more capable students;
- It is the responsibility of parents to encourage the completion of homework, supervising and signing if necessary;
- Homework should be completed by children independently, with minimal parental help.

NB. Homework should not be used as a disciplinary measure.

Recommended time children should spend **WEEKLY** on homework activities including home reading, is as follows:

Kinder—Year 1	15 minutes—1 hour
Year 2	1—2 hours
Years 3—Year 4	2—2.5 hours
Years 5—Year 6	2—3 hours

NB. These are approximate times and may vary from child to child.

EVALUATION

In consultation with parents and students, the homework policy will be reviewed to ensure that it is being used to enhance student learning and create improved home/school partnerships.