

**SCHOOL NO. 4401 KATANDRA WEST**

Policy Statement: MANAGEMENT - 760 Homework  
760 - HOMEWORK

Responsibility: Principal, Staff and School Council

This Policy was last ratified by School Council in 2015.

1. **PURPOSE:**

The school sees homework as a necessary and integral part of the learning process. Homework is designed to reinforce learning at school; develop sound work habits out of school; prepare children for Secondary Education; foster the attitude that learning is an on-going and life-long experience, and stimulate parental involvement with the school and the child's learning.

2. **EXPECTATIONS:**

Homework should be:

- Appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- Purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
- Interesting, challenging and when appropriate open ended
- Assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided
- Balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities.

3. **GUIDELINES:**

**Early Years (Prep to Year 4)**

Homework may consist mainly of:

- Reading and spelling activities to, with and by parents.
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- Gathering of additional information or materials.

Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day and will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

**Middle Years (Years 5 and 6)**

Homework may consist mainly of:

- Independent reading and practicing spelling and tables on a daily basis.
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research.

Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day and may be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

This Policy may be varied at the discretion of the Principal, in consultation with School Council, if circumstances require it.