BIBOHOERA STATE SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale:
Homework gives students opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation and cultural pursuits.

Aims:
Homework must:
- Be purposeful and relevant to students needs
- Is appropriate to the phase of learning
- Is appropriate to the capability of the student
- Develops the student’s independence as a learner
- Is varied, challenging and clearly related to class work
- Allows for student commitment to recreational employment, family and cultural activities.

Implementation:
Biboohra State School Homework Policy will:-
- Be included in the handbook of policy’s and procedures for new families
- Be discussed in the newsletter each year for continuing students and families
- All students will receive homework appropriate to their level.
- Homework activities will consolidate class learning or prepare student for content that is about to be taught.
- Homework will include some drill and practice such as the learning of spelling and number facts.
- It is appropriate for teacher’s to assign unfinished classroom work as homework.
- Parents are encouraged to check student progress and hear drill and practice items eg. spelling and number facts.

The homework program may include open ended challenges that students may embrace if they wish.

Early Years
Prep
Optional home reading program (discuss your child’s needs and interests with the teacher)

Year 1 to Year 3
Homework will consist mainly of:-
- Reading activities to with and by parents
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities
- Gathering of additional information of materials

Homework will generally not exceed 10 minutes per day for year 1 and 2 or 15 minutes per day for year 3. In addition daily reading will be expected and encouraged. Homework handed in/out timelines as specified by each teacher at the commencement of the school year. No homework on vacations.

Middle Years (Year 4-5)
Homework will consist mainly of:
- Independent reading on a daily basis
- Spelling and times tables activities
- Simple research and project tasks

Homework will generally not exceed 20 minutes per day. In addition daily reading will be expected and encouraged. Homework handed in/out timelines as specified by each teacher at the commencement of the school year. No homework on vacations.

Upper Primary Years (year 6-7)
Homework will consist mainly of:
- Independent reading on a daily basis
- Spelling and times tables tasks
- Maths tasks based on the current class learning tasks
- Current affairs activities
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research.

Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day. In addition daily reading will be expected and encouraged. Homework handed in/out timelines as specified by each teacher at the commencement of the school year. No homework on vacations.