



# Goodna State School Homework Policy



## Rationale

At Goodna State School holistic learning is our core focus. We also recognise that children will grow when school and home are working together as a team, in a strong and equal partnership.

Just like our individual students, we acknowledge that families have unique responsibilities, needs and ways of working.

Consistent with this belief, the school will not set formal or compulsory homework. We do not promote a standard or rigid expectation (a one-size fits all philosophy) at Goodna State School regarding home learning. Instead we have developed a flexible **Learning at Home** guide that will provide families with information to develop their own 'homework' approach. A balance in connecting the learning between school and home.

## Learning at Home Guide

The following guidelines are to be recognised and implemented:

- **All students are encouraged to read every night as *READING IS THE FOUNDATION OF LEARNING*.** A personalised reading goal will be available to support this reading at home. This goal will be available from the class teacher upon request.
- Literacy and numeracy tasks, pre-set by class teachers, will be available via our school's chosen online platforms (Reading Eggs and Mathletics). Please note that supervised opportunities to access computers, laptops and iPads will be scheduled before school, to support those families that do not have devices or connectivity at home.
- Written tasks will not be set or marked by class teachers, but we encourage families to foster a love of writing by making paper and writing tools (pens, pencils, felts and / or crayons) available at home. The school can provide stationary items as requested by families. The school can provide ideas for focussed writing activities upon request.
- The school will continue to provide a range of activities that continue to benefit the academic, social and general capabilities of students. These activities will be part of the *11 before 11 – Social Outcomes Initiative* and will predominantly sit within school hours. Parent permission will be required for some of these activities.
- Additional home readers will be available upon parent request.
- The holistic development of each child is a priority. Goodna Heroes are encouraged to:
  - ✓ join teams and clubs in the community
  - ✓ play and be active
  - ✓ pursue interests and hobbies
  - ✓ spend time with family and friends
  - ✓ help out at home
  - ✓ learn life skills
  - ✓ fulfil other family commitments
  - ✓ develop growth mindsets

The Goodna State School Homework Policy was created following a consultative process of staff and the Parents' & Citizens' Association.

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