



# OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Student Participation in Homework Program Years 3-6

4 February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

The Department of Education's policy regarding Homework states that 'Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Additionally, it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline.' (Source: Policy Reference Number PD/2002/0003/V02 Updated 10/1/17)

In 2012, 'Research scan' was undertaken by the NSW Department of Education and Communities. There is little consensus in the literature as to whether homework raises student achievement. Most researchers, however, conclude that for primary students, there is no evidence that homework lifts academic performance.

Research indicates that student learning may be enhanced if homework is:

- ✓ appropriate for each student's age and ability
- ✓ relevant to each student's needs
- ✓ purposeful and designed to meet specific learning goals
- ✓ varied and challenging, but achievable
- ✓ built on knowledge, skills and understanding developed in class
- ✓ clearly stated and requirements made explicit during class time
- ✓ supported by teacher strategies for students having difficulties with homework.

At Oakhill Drive Public School, we provide parents with the following guidelines: Homework is designed to consolidate and reinforce learning. For older students, it helps to develop good study habits, time management, concentration and self-discipline. Recommended daily time for homework, for students in Years 3 – 6, is 30 minutes.

Our teachers support students who complete their homework with feedback and positive reinforcement.

You are kindly invited to consider if you would like your child to participate in organised Homework programs prepared by teaching staff.

As a school, we cannot emphasize enough the importance of reading (and being read to) every day. If you choose not to participate in Homework activities, we do implore you to maintain and reinforce the importance of a daily reading regime at home.

Please complete the slip below and return it to class teachers **by Thursday 13 February**.

Mrs Betty Ploeg  
Principal



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Please complete the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher **by Thursday 13 February**.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**YES**, I do want my child to participate in the Homework Program.

OR

**NO**, I do NOT want my child to participate in the Homework Program.

**(Tick only if this will apply to you)** I prefer to plan, prepare and supervise my own child's Homework Program.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_