

Home Learning Policy

Rationale

Ormond Primary School recognises home learning as a home/school partnership. The setting of home learning activities needs to take into consideration the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, sport and cultural pursuits.

Aim

Reinforce and encourage the development of parent participation in their child's education.

Implementaion

Parents and students are to be advised of home learning expectations at the beginning of the school year.

As part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian schools, home learning activities are seen as one way of supporting and fostering life-long learning and connecting families with the learning of their children.

A general guide to home learning activities set by the school for each level :

Foundation

- will mainly consist of daily reading to, with and by parents/carers or older siblings.
- practise individual high frequency words (MAGIC 100/200/300)
- gathering of extra information or materials as required.

Year 1 – Year 4

- will mainly consist of daily reading to, with and by parents/carers or older siblings.
- practise weekly SMART Spelling words.
- consolidating of classroom activities.
- gathering of extra information or materials as required.

Years 5 & 6

- reading – oral and independent.
- practise weekly SMART Spelling words.
- consolidating of classroom activities.
- Researching of additional information or materials as required.

Students who are taken out of school for extended family vacations are encouraged to complete a travel journal capturing their experiences which they may share with their class on their return.

Evaluation

Teachers and parents will monitor the relevance and structure of home learning tasks and review as required.

References

DE&T – Homework (Home Learning) Guidelines and Expectations

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/pages/guidelines.aspx>

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/pages/expectations.aspx>