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Purpose

To provide guidance for schools to develop Homework Policies.

Homework links school and home as places of learning. It refers to the activities assigned by teachers to be completed by students outside of school hours. Homework is focused on learning and provides students with opportunities to prepare for, consolidate and extend their learning.

Definitions

Homework may take many forms. These include, but are not limited to:

Preparation for learning: activities which engage students in investigation and discussion. Examples include shared reading, measuring ingredients, watching targeted programs and completing preliminary research.

Consolidation of learning: activities which allow students the opportunity to practice new skills and remember new concepts. Examples include researching use of learned concepts in the real world and constructing texts.

Extension of learning: activities which allow students to apply their learning to new and expanded contexts. Examples include research and project work.

Policy

Each school should develop a Homework Policy which provides clear guidelines for teachers, students and parents/carers. This policy supports teachers to allocate homework which:

- promotes student learning
- is appropriate for each student's age and ability
- supports a balance between school and other commitments including family time, sport and work
- takes into account access to resources to ensure that no student is disadvantaged.

Procedures

Each school develops its own Homework Policy.

The Homework Policy is communicated to all members of the schools community.

References

NSWDET Homework Policy

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/curriculum/schools/homework/PD20020003.shtml>

NSW DET Homework Implementation Document <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/az/homework.php>

Forms

Nil

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