

The Homework Policy for Salisbury State School has been developed according to Education Queensland Guidelines in consultation with the Whole School Community.

**According to synthesis of current research (eg John Hattie) Homework works best when it:**

- is clearly related to class work
- does NOT require children to engage in “rote” learning (eg writing out spelling lists)
- is helps make parents and family aware of what is being learnt in class
- is purposeful & relevant to needs/capabilities of the student (ie is differentiated where needed)
- is appropriate for that particular phase of learning (eg Prep VS Year 6)
- is monitored by the class teacher with a focus on feedback to students
- develops a pattern of behaviour for life-long learning, leading into the demands of High School
- helps develop independence as a learner through extension activities such as investigating, researching, writing, designing and making
- assists students to prepare for upcoming classroom learning, such as collecting relevant materials and information, completing surveys and audits

**What Homework should be done and for how long?**

Prep	Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6
Reading and logbook  Sight words	Independent reading & logbook (10 mins daily)  Sight/Spelling words Maths Facts (NOT rote practice)	Independent reading & logbook (15 mins daily)  Sight/Spelling words Maths Facts (NOT rote practice)  Reading Eggs and Mathletics	Independent reading & logbook (20 mins daily)  Extension of class work eg projects & research  Reading Eggs and Mathletics
10mins daily max	15 mins daily max	Up to 2hrs p/week max.	Up to 3 hrs p/week max.

**Guidelines for Parents and Teachers**

1. Parents are required to sign the Reading Log each day. Bedtime stories and structured school readers are both recommended, as is a range of authors and text types.
2. Differentiation of tasks should occur for students as required and can be negotiated with the classroom teacher. Homework, like learning, needs to be personalised.
3. In Years 5 and 6, Teachers will provide an electronic copy of homework for parents on the e-mail list as well as hardcopy for students
4. Any set Homework will be timed in such a way to allow families flexibility to complete some tasks over the weekend.