



Charters Towers Central State School Homework Policy

Rational

Charters Towers Central State School believes:

- That in determining homework it is important to take into consideration that students may be engaged in many different activities outside of school. These may include a range of physical activities and sport, recreational and cultural pursuits.
- That homework is an important strategy for improving student outcomes, informing parents about what is happening in classrooms and indicating to parents student mastery of basic skills.
- That homework should be directly related to class work and appropriate to student's learning needs.
- That timelines for homework need to include flexibility to suit different lifestyles and commitments.
- That homework will be corrected and acknowledged.

Recommended Guidelines for Homework

- Prep** No set homework however home readers and small revision are advised.
- Year 1 – 3** Could be up to but generally not more than 1 hour per week.
Homework Tasks could include:
- * Daily reading to, with and by parents/caregiver or other family member
 - * Conversations around what is happening at school.
 - * Preparation for oral presentations.
 - * Opportunities to write for meaningful purposes.
 - * Activities to develop literacy, numeracy and problem solving skills.
- Year 4 – 5** Could be up to but generally not more than 2 -3 hours per week.
Homework Tasks could include:
- * Daily independent reading.
 - * Activities to develop English, Mathematics and problem solving skills.
 - * Opportunities to write for meaningful purposes.
 - * Preparation of oral presentations.
 - * Extension of class work including projects and research.
- Year 6 – 7** Could be up to but generally not more than 3-4 hours per week.
Homework Tasks could include:
- * Daily independent reading.
 - * Activities to develop English Mathematics and problem solving skills.
 - * Conversations around what is happening at school.
 - * Opportunities to write for meaningful purposes.
 - * Preparation of oral presentations.
 - * Extension of class work including projects and research.

Homework Tips for Parents

1. Set a regular time and a quiet place for homework.
2. Plan the work to be done and the time to be spent on each task.
3. Take short breaks between tasks.
4. Set small realistic goals for each area or night.
5. Avoid study marathons.
6. If problems occur, talk to the teacher.
7. Read to young children and ask them to read to you.
8. Encourage students. Praise them for their efforts, not just their results.
9. Talk to the teacher if your child is struggling with the homework.

Why Homework

Homework bridges the gap between learning at school and learning at home. It reinforces work done in class. It helps develop skills such as research and time management.

Homework helps to establish the habits of study, concentration and self discipline. Parents / caregivers have the opportunity to see the progress of their child. Homework provides challenges and stimulus to gifted and talented children.

Student tips - How to Organise for Homework

- Use a diary to write down your homework and make a note of when you have to hand it in.
- If you don't understand something ask the teacher before you go home.
- Have a special study area - not where there is a TV - as homework takes heaps longer if you're watching TV at the same time!
- Get into a study routine. Do homework every night, even when you haven't got any. Use the time to practise skills, read or find out about something.
- Make a homework timetable. Put down all the things you do after school - eg. sport, music lessons, tutoring etc. - and work out when your homework time will be each night. Stick to it, and you will find that homework gets easier to manage and you still have time to hang out with your friends.
- Do your work on your own. It's OK to ask mum or dad for help - after you have had a really good try by yourself. They're not going to be sitting next to you at school so you need to learn how to do things by yourself.
- Negotiate with mum and dad about programs you want to watch so that you can work round your favourite shows. Or ask if you can tape them so that you can watch when you have time.
- If you know something special is happening that night - eg. you're going straight to a birthday party - ask your teacher if you can have extra time or work at lunch so that you get your work done.
- Catch up on work missed if you are sick.
- Get work from school if you are sick for more than two days or are going to be away for a long time.
- Make it a rule that you don't do homework on weekends and make sure you get it all done during the week so that you can keep the rule.