

Homework Policy 2025

At Kensington Primary School, we want to give every student the best chance to learn, grow and extend themselves as much as possible. Homework is one way that we can provide this opportunity beyond the regular learning in the classroom. We recognise that homework brings both benefits and challenges, and our approach is informed by current research to support both academic progress and the overall development of every student.

Our Approach

The purpose and value of homework at Kensington is in the opportunities for improvement that it can create for each individual student. Any homework provided will be directly connected to topics and concepts taught in class and will aim to embed, deepen and extend understanding through retrieval, fluency and research tasks. Expectations for homework will be clearly communicated to students and parents, and appropriate feedback will be provided. Suitable adjustments can be made for students who need further support, to ensure that all children are able to access tasks. We value the knowledge and skills that parents bring to their children's learning, and we encourage them to provide light support while allowing students the opportunity to develop responsibility and independence. **The completion of homework is encouraged but not compulsory**, which aligns with the policies of the WA Department of Education. The overall wellbeing of each student is our priority, and the demands of homework need to be managed by each family in a way that works for them and their situation.

Year Level Expectations

Expectations for homework, including the types of tasks and time required, will progress as students move through the school years and grow in ability and maturity. Students are strongly encouraged to read every day, either independently or with support. Internet access will be needed for some tasks; however, no specialised devices or applications are required.

Year Level	Examples of Tasks
Kindy	Exploring and enjoying texts with family
Pre Primary	Reading and discussing texts with family
Year 1	Preparing short talks to the class (news)
Year 2	Revision and practice
Year 3	Individual reading with discussion
Year 4	Revision and practice Preparing for upcoming presentations, tests or assessments
Year 5	Individual reading Revision and practice
Year 6	Preparing for upcoming presentations, tests and assessments Research projects

Roles and Responsibilities

Students' Role

- Demonstrate responsibility and integrity by managing and completing their own work.
- Communicate homework requirements with parents.
- Take care of school resources.

Parents' Role

- Assist their child with organising a scheduled time for homework.
- Help develop their child's organisational skills.
- Support, encourage and engage with their child's homework.
- Provide a suitable space to complete homework.

Teachers' Role

- Ensure homework is linked to classroom content and designed for skills reinforcement.
- Clearly communicate expectations and deadlines with students and parents.
- Provide assistance and adjustments when required.

Supporting Documents

WA Department of Education – [Learning in Primary School \(Homework and Study\)](#)

[Homework in Primary Schools: Research Insights from 2015–2025](#)