MANIFOLD HEIGHTS P.S.  
HOMEWORK  
POLICY

Rationale:
• Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Aims:
• To support and extend classroom learning.
• To develop positive study habits.
• To develop a responsibility for self-learning.

Implementation:
• The school’s homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
• All students will be allocated homework.
• Classroom teachers will set weekly homework appropriate to each child’s skill level and age.
• Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended.
• Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
• All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
• The school’s website or classroom blogs will include additional open ended challenges that are appropriate to students of a variety of ages, which students may choose to embrace if they wish.

Preps and Juniors
Homework will consist mainly of:
• reading activities to, with and by parents.
• consolidation and extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
• gathering of additional information or materials
• homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day and will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

Middles and Seniors
Homework will consist mainly of:
• independent reading on a daily basis
• tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, extension and thinking tasks, essays and research. The use of multi media devices may be included in some tasks.
• homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day.
• homework will be coordinated by year level teams.
• it is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as additional homework tasks.

Evaluation:
• This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....  
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