## Schools Homework Policy

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## Belief Statement

- At Koumala State School we see Homework as an opportunity to review and revise classroom work with a focus on literacy and numeracy (spelling, reading, tables).


## School Expectations

- Parents may need to assist or supervise their children while completing their homework.
- Parents need to check their child's homework before it is handed in.
- Homework is set on Monday and submitted on Friday to help accommodate the busy lifestyles of our families. (If the child is absent from school on Friday, they are expected to submit their homework on the following Monday).
- Parents are reminded to ensure that their child has received a Homework Sheet when their child returns to school. (Via KIT Books if their child is away on Monday).
- Non-compliance with homework will result in a detention being served on the Friday until the homework is completed. Non-compliance will be at the discretion of the teacher.
- Homework will be marked with or/by the teacher each week.
- Amounts of homework set each week will be controlled by teacher discretion however they will be based on guidelines set by Education Queensland as absolute maximum amounts of time spent each week. (Refer to the table below)

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The homework guidelines for different age groups are as follows:

- Homework in Prep, Years 1, 2, could be up to - but generally not more than an hour each week
- Homework in Year 3 and 4 could be up to - but generally not more than - 2-3 hours each week
- Homework in Years 5 and 6 could be up to - but generally not more than - $3-4$ hours each week

For our younger students, it is important that parents get involved by reading books to them and encouraging them in a range of activities.

For all students, parents can help them balance the amount of time spent completing homework, watching television, playing sport and doing part-time work. Developing time management skills is a key life skill that will benefit students in the future.

Good communication between teachers, students and parents is also very important to ensure students reach their full potential.

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