



Raumati Beach School

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Purpose

1. To foster independent study habits.
2. To complement work done in the classroom.
3. To reinforce classroom learning.
4. To allow programmes to be completed.

Principles

1. Each Team/class should provide parents/caregivers with an outline of homework expectations at the beginning of each year. .
2. Homework should be **relevant** to the individual pupil's needs, and **at a level** where the pupil can **usually** work independently.
3. Homework activities should be related to learning **that is currently being undertaken in the class or reflect an agreed programme which has been outlined to parents.**
4. Homework should promote positive habits and attitudes to learning.
5. Homework activities and assessments **must not discriminate** against pupils who do not have access to specialised resources at home e.g. computers, online access etc.
6. Homework should be **clearly** described so that pupils and parents/caregivers understand exactly what is involved.
7. The cooperation of parents/caregivers should be sought and **their right** to have their children excused from homework should be respected. If parents/caregivers exercise this right, then they in turn cannot expect unreasonable gains in learning (***which have been targeted to be supported through homework***) to be made. E.g. Basic facts / Spelling practice.
8. Homework **should be** monitored and evaluated by teachers and **could include**:
 - **essential learning tasks** i.e. Reading, learning basic facts or spelling words.
 - **completion** of unfinished work.
 - **research** which is easily managed in the home situation.
 - the **gathering** of resources and/or data for forthcoming units.
 - **discussion** of current events or class topic/theme.
 - Independent challenges and tasks (such as year 7/8 Challenge by Choice)

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9. As a **general rule**, pupils should not spend more than half an hour on homework three to four days per week, (Year 4 to Year 8) However, Year 7 & 8 pupils could do up to an hour if that is how they have chosen to organise their time.

Junior classes homework time will vary considerably, but as a rule up to 20 minutes would seem to be the maximum students should be involved with.

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