



Baldivis Gardens Homework Policy

The purpose of homework given at Baldivis Gardens Primary School is to support the learning that is taking place in the classroom at school. Providing homework allows students additional time to consolidate skills and concepts learnt at school, and provides parents with a format for supporting their child's learning.

Homework fosters our value of 'shared responsibility' as parents are able to take an active role in their child's learning. It also encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning beyond the classroom and to begin managing their time independently.

To support our students in reaching their full potential, all classroom teachers at Baldivis Gardens Primary School will provide at-home learning opportunities for students. These opportunities will not only support learning in the classroom, but the development of students as responsible learners and citizens, and will support parents in taking an active role in their child's learning.

Guidelines

Homework at Baldivis Gardens Primary School will:

- Reinforce skills and concepts being taught in the classroom
- Support the achievement of the learning outcomes in the Western Australian Curriculum
- Be developmentally appropriate for individual students
- Foster students' independence and responsibility as a learner
- Be monitored by the classroom teacher
- Be clearly articulated to parents and caregivers
- Be set within a reasonable timeframe
- Be supported and implemented by all staff
- Be consistent across same year levels

Among other learning opportunities, homework at Baldivis Gardens Primary School will involve:

- Reading of developmentally appropriate texts
- Practise of sight words and/or spelling strategies which may involve list words
- Practise of Mathematics skills

Parents can support their child's learning by:

- Reading with their child
 - o Listening to your child read and discussing what is being read
 - o Reading to your child
- Revising spelling/sight words and their meanings
- Practising maths skills such as times tables

Classroom teachers will clearly communicate homework expectations at the beginning of year parent meetings, and in Connect communications.

Homework is strongly encouraged but not compulsory.

Students are encouraged to take ownership and responsibility of their home-learning, bringing their own folder to and from school etc.