

TINTINARA AREA SCHOOL

Primary F-6 Homework Policy

Students at Tintinara Area School are encouraged to have homework Monday to Thursday nights. Homework is seen to develop a child's discipline and to practice concepts and skills already learnt at school. When homework is set, children are expected to write the assigned work in their diaries.

If children experience undue difficulty, parents are requested to send a note or email, explaining the nature of the difficulty.

If children are unable to do their homework because of circumstances beyond their control, e.g. visitors, illness, etc. parents should write a note, or send an email. Students who do not complete their homework will be required to do this during break time.

READING: All children should be **encouraged** to read every night! All students should have a reader, novel or text that they can use
No more than 10 - 30 mins should be 'set' by teachers.

SPELLING: All children should be **encouraged** to complete their spelling words at home three to four nights per week.

No more than the following limits should be 'set' by teachers.

Year Level	Spelling/Sounds	Reading	Total Time
Foundation	5 minutes – Sounds in Terms 1 & 2, sight words in terms 3 & 4	10 minutes	10 minutes per night
Year 1	5 minutes spelling words	10 minutes	15 minutes
Year 2 & 3	5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes
Year 4	10 minutes + 5 minutes maths	10 minutes	25 minutes
Year 5 & 6	10 minutes + 10 minutes maths	10 minutes	30 minutes

Homework must be relevant to the work students are completing in class. Eg. Homework will not be set for the sake of 'doing something at home'. Homework will be set for students who need to complete a specific task that was not completed at school, so that students manage their own time as best they can during class time.

Children who have genuinely tried to do their best, should be praised and encouraged, even though they may not have completed all the work 'set'.