















# RANDWICK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## 2024 HOMEWORK OVERVIEW


*'The purpose of homework at RPS is to provide consolidation of learning and support for students in planning and organising time as well as establishing habits of study, concentration and self discipline'*

<b>Kindergarten</b> Early Stage 1 (15 minutes per day)	<b>Year 1</b> Stage 1 (20 minutes per day)	<b>Year 2</b> Stage 1 (30 minutes per day)	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b> Stage 2 (40 minutes per day)	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b> Stage 3 (60 minutes per day)
<b>Advised:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading (10 minutes)</li> <li>• Tricky words/sight words Term 2-4 (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Talking Time Preparation</li> </ul>	<b>Advised:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading (10 minutes)</li> <li>• InitialLit games/spelling/handwriting work (10 minutes)</li> <li>• Talking Time Preparation</li> </ul>	<b>Advised:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading (15 minutes)</li> <li>• 'Maths Plus' one 'set' per day (15 minutes)</li> </ul> 	<b>Advised:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading (20 minutes)</li> <li>• 'Maths Plus' one 'set' per day (15 minutes)</li> <li>• Project</li> </ul> 	<b>Advised:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading (30 minutes)</li> <li>• 'Maths Plus' one 'set' per day (20 minutes)</li> <li>• Project</li> </ul> 
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**Teachers:** 

- Setting homework for students
- Sighting homework
- Keeping track of completion

**Parents:** 

- Supporting students to develop positive work-habits
- Reading with and to your child
- Checking/marking homework to give immediate feedback

**Students:** 

- Developing work habits
- Completing work neatly
- Returning homework on time
- Seeking assistance from teachers where necessary



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Is homework compulsory?**

**Based on the Department of Education (DoE) Guidelines, homework is recommended, but not compulsory. At RPS, we strongly encourage continual and consistent participation in homework to build well-established routines and work habits.**

## **What is the main aim of homework?**

**The main aim of homework at RPS is to offer achievable tasks that can be completed at an increasingly independent level by students. Homework is not designed to extend students as the classroom teachers focus is to do this during learning time at school.**

## **Why is there is too little/too much homework for my child?**

**The RPS guidelines are based on recommended times from the DoE. It can be challenging for schools to find a happy medium that suits all families. To this end, we strive to make sure that homework is an achievable task for all families by adhering to the recommended times and offering optional extras.**

## **We're having trouble completing all the assigned homework, what should I be focusing on?**

**Nightly reading is one of the most important things to do with your children. This helps children to build good reading habits and a love of literature. As your child progresses through school, reading may become a more independent task, however it is still critical to discuss what they are reading and promote positive reading habits.**

## **My child can't complete their homework this week due to other events/activities, is that okay?**

**Homework should form a balanced part of what a child participates in outside of school. There may be weeks where it is difficult to complete and so contacting your child's teacher is the best course of action. RPS recommends that homework should be accounted for when planning weekly, outside of school activities.**



# TIPS FOR SETTING UP HOMEWORK

## ‘Right Time, Right Place’

To assist with students completing homework, it helps to create the right environment. Having a quiet place to work that is set up with necessary stationery can help children form positive work habits at home.

## Timetabling

Use a weekly planner to determine when the best times are to complete homework. This can be done in conjunction with identifying other weekly activities (such as sports and music groups). The best time to complete homework will vary between students.

## Developing Sound Routines

Encouraging students to begin their homework the day that they receive it will ensure that they are well-positioned to complete it by the due date. Where possible, having students complete homework at the same/similar times each week will help to build independent work habits and strong routines.

## Helping Where Necessary

Parent/carer help should always be available, however one of the primary focuses of homework is to develop sound, independent work habits. Where possible, allow your child to work through tasks independently and allow them to make mistakes. This will assist in the development of an independent approach to work.

DoE Homework Tips  
for Primary Students



RPS Parents/Carers Guide  
to Home Reading



