

Homework Policy

Rationale

As part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Lake Bolac College, homework is seen as one way of supporting and fostering life-long learning and connecting families with the learning of their children.

Homework helps students by:

- complementing and reinforcing classroom learning
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- providing an opportunity for students to become responsible for their own learning
- developing self-regulation processes such as goal-setting, self-efficacy, self-reflection and time management
- supporting partnerships with parents by connecting families with the learning of their children

While the College acknowledges the benefits of students doing some homework it also recognises that students from a remote/rural school are faced with long periods of time traveling to and from school and other extra-curricular activities and often do not have reliable effective access to the internet. For these reasons the College sets homework that is appropriate to a student's skill level, meaningful and relevant to each individual student's growth.

Homework Expectations

The table below describes homework expectations for each year level.

Years	Homework
Prep to 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading aloud and/or being read to up until students can fluently read level 30 readers• Practising sight and spelling words• Skill practice to support the achievement of specific "I Can" statements
4 to 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily independent reading• Skill practice to support the achievement of specific "I Can" statements• Skill practice to support the achievement of music playing proficiency• Work that has not been completed in class if sufficient class time was provided
11 to 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a general guide, from Year 11 to 12 homework would be expected to increase, and require from 1 up to 3 hours per week night with up to 6 hours on weekends during peak VCE periods

Additional Homework

The setting, collection and marking of homework in addition to the above may be negotiated between individual teachers, students and parents.