

# BATEMAN PRIMARY HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

Bateman Primary supports the Education Department's position on homework as being a reinforcement of the things they learn at school and an opportunity to think about and apply this.

We also believe that children require time after school to relax, participate in sporting and social activities and to spend time with their family. As such we believe that a limited amount of homework designed to reinforce current learning is the best option for student development, given the crowded curriculum in schools.

We would recommend the following as a guide for homework for four nights a week:

Pre-Primary to Year 2                      15 – 20 minutes

- Reading/sharing stories
- Sounds and spelling words
- Social/Emotional Journal
- Athletics
- Completing unfinished work

Year 3 and Year 4                      20 – 30 minutes

- Reading
- Spelling
- Social/Emotional Journal
- Athletics
- Discussing the news
- Completing unfinished work

Year 5 and Year 6                      30 – 40 minutes

- Reading
- Spelling
- Social/Emotional Journal
- Athletics
- Discussing the news
- Completing unfinished work

Approximately once a term your teacher may set a project/research assignment for your child to complete in order to reinforce learning and develop their organisational skills. Specialist teachers may also set a task for completion but this will be in consultation with staff to manage student workload outside class time.

Each year level will be provided with a series of links for parents to access in different learning areas should they wish their child to complete more than the recommended homework. This additional work will not be marked by staff.

We do not believe that Year 6 students need to be doing hours of homework to “prepare them for secondary school”.