

## ***How much homework will be set?***

We do not set a specific time-limit for homework because students have a range of capacity for working effectively on their own.

As a guide, 40 minutes of homework each day is expected.

We understand that your child and your family will have other commitments to schedule into your family life, so we don't expect that homework is necessarily done in equal chunks of time each day of the school week. Please let your classroom teacher know if there are any issues around homework.

Teachers will check on homework at least once per week.

## ***Internet***

Students will often need access to the internet for their homework. Students doing written work will be able to access it through their google account and continue work begun at school.

Students may need to access on-line programmes or carry out internet research.

You may find that there is very little homework done in a book.

## ***How can parents help?***

- ◆ Remind your child about their homework - especially the 30 minutes of reading.
- ◆ Provide a quiet time and place for your child to do their homework.
- ◆ Join up your child to the public library - go there together.
- ◆ Provide access to the home computer and internet.
- ◆ Email your child's teacher if there is a glitch with homework.

## ***Other help***

On Mondays after school (3-4pm) your child can attend Homework Club. A couple of teachers are rostered to assist students to complete classroom work and other homework tasks.



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## ***Why do we expect our students to do homework each week?***

From this point on in our students' education (intermediate → secondary → tertiary) it is not possible to confine to school hours all the learning that is required. In other words, our students need to understand that some of their learning needs to occur in their own time.

Therefore, at Kowhai Intermediate School we aim to help students to manage this additional expectation. We do so by beginning to increase the out-of-school learning required to keep up steady progress through the school curriculum.

We believe this will help them to prepare for the significant homework and assignment load they will encounter as they move ahead through their education.



## ***What do we expect our students to do for homework?***

Homework will mainly be an overflow of current classroom learning for each student.

It will often be completion of work begun in the classroom. We will avoid giving them unfamiliar learning that they cannot manage themselves (we understand how frustrating it can be for parents trying to 'second guess' what their child needs to do when he or she hasn't yet encountered that concept.)

Each student is provided with clear homework instructions each week, emailed to students by their teachers.

Homework will ALWAYS include a personal reading component. Our students should be reading for themselves in their own time for a minimum of 30 minutes per day.

**Online learning at home:** All students will be expected to complete 30-60 minutes on MathWhizz per week, plus make use of Language Nut as assigned by their classroom teacher.

Some students may need a spelling programme to build up an accurate vocabulary of important words.

If your child is a new learner of English, most of the homework will aim to support progress in their English literacy.



If your child is a bilingual learner, they can expect homework that supports their language development in both languages, for example te reo Maori/English and gagana Samoa/English.

Some students may be achieving at well-above expectation or have completed in-class work to a high standard - these students will be extended so as to keep their learning momentum going.

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