Fowler Road School

HOMEWORK

Homework is especially critical at this school given that some students do not spend a whole day at school every day. Because of their behaviour, many of our students are also behind in their work and the opportunity to practise at home what they learn at school should not be missed.

At Fowler Road, class teachers ensure that:

- all students have homework each week
- students' ages are considered when giving homework. For example, 15 minutes for Kindergarten students to an hour for secondary aged students each night
- students are able to successfully complete the work at home
- homework given is able to be completed by the student with minimum assistance from adults and minimum resources required from home
- there is an awareness that many students are reluctant to have others recognise the level at which they are working and 'too babyish' or 'too complex' work may cause difficulties for students at home
- homework is tied to programming and individual learning plans for students
- homework is sequenced and not repeated
- homework given is discussed with home schools so that the work load for students is distributed between schools
- a homework package is provided for students who are suspended, including short suspensions.

Many staff have had success in providing a homework package with sufficient work for one week and relating the class reinforcement system to homework being completed and returned.

A Holiday Homework Package is prepared for the holidays at the end of Terms 1-3. Special awards are offered for Homework packages completed during the holidays.