

Leonora DHS

STATEMENT ON HOMEWORK

Reason For Statement

As a school we believe it is important that students, parents and teachers have some common understandings about expectations regarding homework for all students in the school and the reasons why we develop these expectations.

Students who are able to develop a good homework routine early in school and maintain it are certainly advantaging themselves with regards to improving educational outcomes.

What is Homework?

Homework given to students may include:

- Complete work started in class.

- Assignment work that may require an extended period of time and use of outside resources eg. project work, extended writing in English, a mathematics extended task or investigation.

- Reviewing work done in class - summarizing, taking notes, preparing study cards.

- Watching news/current affairs/ documentaries on television.

- Search on the internet.

- Reading the newspaper.

Strategies To Assist With Homework

- Encourage students to use the school library.

- Encourage students to develop a routine for doing homework at an optimum time - in the afternoon or early evening rather than late at night.

- Encourage students to use a diary to record homework set and the date due and to assist with planning.

- Provide students with an environment that is conducive to productive work (i.e. quiet and private - does not involve watching TV or videos while attempting an unrelated task).

- Talk to students about their work and achievement - take an interest.

Note For Teachers

Homework should not be set simply for routine; there should be a clear educational purpose for such; all homework should be checked with regard to completion and students should be given feedback as to the quality of their work.