

How can parents support Home Learning?

- Display the calendar in a place all the family can see it to ensure you remind your students of dates to begin and hand in homework
- Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary, are available.
Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.
- Check they understand what they need to do
- Provide a quiet place for them to work without distractions
- Help your child with time management. Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.
- Be positive about homework. Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.
- When your child does homework, you do homework. Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult.
- When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers. Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.
- If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away. Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for students to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.
- Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration. Let your child take a short break if she is having trouble keeping her mind on an assignment.
- Check through their work to ensure they have completed all aspects of the task. Make yourself available for questions and concerns.
- Encourage them to ask their class teacher if they are unsure what to do

- Encourage them to plan their time for each homework and ensure it is not left until the last minute
- Praise their work and effort. Mention academic achievement to relatives. Display successful work at home.
- Ensure it is presented to the best of their ability
- **On its return, discuss the marking with them and ensure they know what they need to do to improve – talk about this with them when they are working on their next piece**