

HOMEWORK POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Introduction

At Mandalika Intercultural School (MIS), we believe that homework plays a vital role in reinforcing learning, developing essential life skills, and fostering independent learning. Homework expectations at MIS are structured to gradually increase as students' progress through each grade, allowing them to grow academically and personally in a supportive environment.

Homework Expectations by Grade Level

- **Grades 1-2:** 10-15 minutes of reading with a parent each evening.
- **Grade 3:** Up to 30 minutes of homework, covering reading, English, or Maths.
- **Grades 4-5:** 30-60 minutes of homework per night, across various subjects.
- **Secondary Students (Grades 6-12):** Up to 90 minutes of homework per night, focusing on multiple subjects.

Benefits of Homework

1. **Cognitive Reinforcement and Retention:**
Homework reinforces material covered in class, ensuring students retain and apply concepts independently. Regular practice in subjects like mathematics and language is key to mastery.
2. **Development of Time Management and Self-Discipline:**
Through regular homework assignments, students learn to manage their time, prioritize tasks, and meet deadlines—essential skills for future academic and professional success.
3. **Fostering Independent Learning:**
Homework encourages students to take ownership of their learning, particularly in higher grades. MIS progressively fosters autonomy by expecting students to complete more comprehensive assignments as they advance through the school.
4. **Parental Involvement and Support:**
For younger students, homework fosters valuable parental involvement, creating a bridge between school and home. This engagement enhances student performance and provides parents with insight into their child's learning.

Parental Communication

Parents are encouraged to support their children's homework routine and reach out to their child's Homeroom teacher if they have concerns. Teachers are available for questions after school or via email to schedule a meeting.

Conclusion

Homework at MIS is designed to promote academic excellence, skill development, and independence. By maintaining a balanced and progressive approach, we prepare our students for future academic challenges.

Change History

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