



Australian International School Hong Kong
香港澳洲國際學校



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Teachers are responsible for setting and checking students' homework and view homework as an important part of student learning. We feel homework:

- consolidates and enriches learning in the classroom
- enhances the school-home learning partnership; and
- encourages students' interests, extends their knowledge and develops their skills

Homework is not:

- used as a disciplinary device; and/or
- new learning for students.

It should be consolidation of what has already been learnt in class

AMOUNT OF HOMEWORK FOR EACH YEAR GROUP

All AISHK students will complete assigned homework tasks to the best of their ability. Homework is designed to complement classroom learning and to develop students' work and study habits.

Primary Homework

The needs of individuals and classes will influence the amount of homework set, but as a guide, we suggest the following homework guides for Primary students:

• Reception Year	no homework
• Preparatory Year	no set homework on a regular basis, unless a need is identified
• Year 1	10 minutes on any day
• Year 2	20 minutes on any day
• Year 3	30 minutes on any day
• Year 4	40 minutes maximum on any day
• Year 5	50 minutes maximum on any day
• Year 6	60 minutes maximum on any day

Please note, this is a guide and there will be days where students are allocated less than the guidelines recommend. We believe it is important students have a balanced approach to work, rest and play. Reading for pleasure should always be encouraged and we have not included this time in the above guidelines.

Secondary Homework

Homework will be allocated according to the student's daily timetable. Some subjects are practical and may not allocate homework, while some allocate class time for the completion of assignments.

• Year 7	Approximately 1 hour per day (introduced gradually)
• Year 8	Approximately 1-1.5hrs per day
• Year 9	Approximately 1-1.5hrs per day
• Year 10	Approximately 1-2 hours per day
• Year 11	2 hours per night, increasing to 3 hours per day
• Year 12	3-4 hours per day

Homework on the weekend should be managed according to the student's planning.

Please check and initial your child's diary each night. Messages about homework can be written in the diary by you or your child's teacher. Please also let your child's teacher know if your child is having difficulty with their homework - it should not be a stressful time for your or your child. If your child is consistently not meeting homework deadlines, their teacher will contact you. We expect students to be responsible for doing their homework themselves and doing it on time.

If you have any questions about our homework policy, please contact either your child's teacher, the Head of Department, Head of Year or the Deputy Heads of Secondary/Primary.

READING SUPPORT PROGRAM

The reading support program offers one-to-one learning opportunities to students who require extra support with their reading ability. Each student in the program receives twenty (20) minutes of one-to-one reading practice up to five (5) days a week. Activities include sight words, word attack skills and a guided reading activity. Students are assessed before being placed in the program and at regular intervals to monitor their progress.

REFERENCES AND TESTING FOR OTHER SCHOOLS

AISHK School Reports are comprehensive reports of your child's achievements. Their student learning portfolios have work samples which show primary students' progress throughout the year.

Only in exceptional circumstances are personal references to be provided for students who are transferring to local schools or to other schools outside of Hong Kong. An appropriate staff member would be happy to act as a referee if you need one. AISHK can arrange for assessment testing needed for entry to other schools, by arrangement on scheduled Saturdays and at a cost to the user for time supervision and administration via the Head of Finance and Operations.

TESTING - OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 usually take part in the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) in literacy and numeracy when it operates. This testing is benchmarked nationally and provides teachers and parents with a measure of comparison with peers in Australia. All students who meet the requirements participate.

All Year 10 students are required to complete and pass the Minimum Standard tests for literacy and numeracy.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are available for Primary and Secondary students in specific subject areas. Parents are able to nominate their child for participation. Completion fees are payable. Secondary students may be nominated to sit academic competitions in Mathematics, Science, History and Commerce. Fees for these competitions are charged to parent school accounts.

Secondary students may be nominated to sit the Australian Schools Mathematics Competition. Fees for this competition are charged to parent school accounts.

TUTORS

Some parents may feel that their children would benefit from extra tuition. Our school makes every effort to adjust student workloads so that they are challenged by their assignments, but not overburdened by them. We discourage additional tutoring during the academic year unless you have consulted us. If you feel there are special reasons why your child should have extra tutoring, you must speak first with the Deputy Heads of Secondary/Primary.

Please note that staff are not permitted to be paid for additional tutoring outside of school-authorised extra-curricular activities programs. Secondary runs Maths Support, Science Club, Homeroom Help and EAL Booster classes on various afternoons after classes. Notice is given of these support classes scheduling.