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Universal Expectations / Class rules

Kuranda District State College is a School Wide Positive Behaviour School (SWPBS). Our whole college has a three universal expectations which help shape rules and procedures both inside and outside the classroom. Students will throughout the year be taught different aspects of these expectations.

Within the first few weeks in the classroom we will be discussing what it means to be a safe respectful learner within the classroom and this will form the basis of our classroom rules.

Please note electronic devices like Phones, iPODs and headsets are not permitted in classes

Bookwork, Homework and Assessment Policy

Staff across the college have established a set of consistent expectations around student bookwork. These expectations are outlined in the poster on this page. Student bookwork will be checked regularly and the high expectations outlined in the poster aim to assist students to develop skills to become good learners.

A comprehensive copy of our homework and assessment policy is outlined in the Middle School hand book available on the school website or from the office.

This outlines students in Year 4-5 do up to 2-3 hours per week. To assist with homework and assessment the Semester 1 unit and assessment calendar is attached.

Homework is handed out every Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Tuesday. This gives students the weekend to complete any homework that has not been completed during the week.

Reading

All students need to read for at least 15-20 minutes each night. After reading students should record what they have read and a comment in their reading log book. Hand in your reading log book with your homework each week. Some suggestions for reading at home could include:

• Reading information, a game, recipe, instructions to a game.
• A story or article off a computer screen
• Reading magazines of interest, e.g. sport, fashion, music
• Reading a newspaper article, T.V. guide.

Spelling

Each student has a list of weekly spelling words in their homework books. Every week students complete a LOOK - SAY - COVER - WRITE - CHECK activity each night. Maths and English activity sheet

An activity sheet to support students learning should be attempted and for some students, completed. This sheet will sometimes reflect current learning. It will also provide opportunity for families to interact with and support their child’s learning.

Please support your child by assisting them with their homework and make sure they are returning it to school each week.

Managing Your Time and Being Prepared

A key to a successful start to the year is about being prepared both at school and home. To help with a quick transition to Learning in 2014 consider the following;

• Books and Resources - Full list of student requirements for 2014 are available from the school office. The P&C are still selling Year level book packs at the college. These packs are very competitively priced and contain all the stationary requirements for the years. They also have available some key additional items like dictionaries and calculators.
• Uniform - Most students have started the year off looking great in their uniforms. These are also available through the P&C at the school. One area that is a focus for improvement is the need for only basic jewellery: one watch, bracelet, simple necklace and earrings.