

Homework



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the School Office on 03 8552 0583 or 03 98713275

School Profile Statement

Avenues Education is a South East Victoria Region (SEVR) outreach government school that works in partnership with Child Youth Mental Health Services (CYMHS Alfred & Eastern Health). CYMHS refer students to Avenues Education to provide targeted educational services for individual and groups of students experiencing social, emotional, and/or mental health difficulties in accessing education. Students participating in Avenues Education retain enrolment in their school of origin. Depending on the program and individual health needs, students undertake sessions with Avenues Education either at their school of origin or at Avenues Education locations. In our outreach education program locations, we have a shared duty of care for our students with the Alfred and Eastern Health Child and Youth Mental Health Services.

Purpose

To outline to our school community the Department's and Avenues Education's policy requirements relating to homework.

Scope

This policy applies to all students referred to Avenues Education and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Avenues Education.

Rationale

Avenues Education views homework as an option that should be tailored and adapted to suit the personal and development needs of each student. Avenues Education believes that Homework, where appropriate can support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce skills
- providing opportunities for students to apply new knowledge
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

Definitions

Homework is tasks assigned to students by teachers that are meant to be carried out during non-school hours.

Policy

Formal homework tasks are not assigned to students referred to Avenues Education unless it is deemed essential to meeting the goals of the individualised educational program. All programs are developed in collaboration with the student, parent/carer, school-based staff and/or mental health clinician.

Where a student is actively engaged in the curriculum of their school of origin, our teachers can provide support to complete homework tasks set by the school. Our teachers work with students to develop positive study habits such as time management, task organisation and prioritisation, as well as help seeking strategies.

At times, our students are not engaged in active learning in their enrolled school. Our teachers provide support to reduce the barriers to learning and if appropriate, this can include the setting of homework tasks. At times, teachers at Avenues Education assign homework tasks to facilitate meaningful learning, taking into consideration the mental health needs of our students.

Shared expectations and responsibilities

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. Communication is essential to ensure the student is supported to complete the homework tasks assigned.

Support for students and parents/carers

All Avenues Education programs are designed individually for each student in collaboration with them, their parent/carer, enrolled school, mental health clinician and other appropriate professionals. Information regarding each student's educational program is shared with parent/carers at Student Support Group (SSG) meetings and is recorded in the student's Individual Educational Plan (IEP). Strategies that parent/carers can implement and practice outside of the school context may be included. Parents/carers may seek further information by contacting the allocated Avenues Education Teacher.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes
- Included in staff handbook / manual

Further information and resources

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Department policies and guidelines:

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

Policy review and approval

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