

# **BOOKWORK POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

### **Quality Bookwork in Every Classroom**

### Rationale

At Bald Hills State School we promote and advocate the development and maintenance of a high standard of written book work and presentation from our students. The standard of bookwork and the presentation of work in general is a primary method by which parents and others form opinions about the school.

Students' books also hold the evidence of teaching, learning and assessment and reflect commitment of quality and effort by students. It is imperative students develop automaticity in bookwork habits which allows each successive teacher to build upon the

foundations established in earlier grades.

This policy defines consistent standards and expectations across the school. As teachers, we accept the responsibility to explicitly teach excellence in bookwork to our students and celebrate their successes.

Student bookwork will become reference points.

#### Aim

The Bald Hills State School Bookwork Policy aims to allow teachers to guide children to develop a sense of pride and achievement in neat, well-presented bookwork and to ensure consistency of presentation throughout the school in addition to developing self-confidence in our learners.

### The role of the teacher:

Expect high standards of bookwork

- Acknowledge work by initialling and dating/ticking/commenting on each page/piece of student work, including homework
- Selebrate quality work through stickers, certificates, written comments and display
- Recognise and utilise word processing and publishing as a part of bookwork
- ▶ Explicitly teach how to rule and present excellent bookwork
- >> Promote correct pencil grip, posture, use of materials, and share this with parents
- Explicitly teach Queensland Modern Cursive script through handwriting lessons
- Regularly check bookwork and ensure student understanding of editing and proofreading processes
- Recognise the importance of word-processing, Desk Top Publishing and Multimedia presentations as part of bookwork standards

## The role of the Admin Team:

- The Admin Team will ask to view samples of bookwork to support and encourage children
- Students can showcase their work to the Admin Team when organised by the classroom teacher
- Classroom observations will include processes to randomly check bookwork to maintain consistent standards across all classrooms
  The Admin Team will organise the Instructional Gallery to promote bookwork expectation with the school community and to promote consistency between classes



#### The role of the parents:

- Encourage children to complete work carried out at home, in a way that is supportive of this policy
- Sensure all books are covered suitably
- Provide children with the minimum writing requirements designated by each teacher

#### Equipment

As students learn the proportions between letters and numbers and letter and number placement they progress through these stages:

Blank and Lined Books

- Prep 2 Blue Lined (18mm) books initially and progress to 25mm to 18mm Blue/Red lined books
- Year 3-4 Use 11mm Blue/Red lined books
- Years 5-6 Use 8mm lined books.
- Multi age classes across the year levels may use the same books as determined by the teacher.

Graph Books

- Prep 6 10mm graph books
- Pencils and Pens
  - Prep 2 Use Triangular pencils Prep/1 and progress to round in year 2
  - Prep 1 Pencil Grip
  - Years 1-4 HB Pencils
  - Prep 3 Red Pencil for Ruling
  - Years 4-6 Work towards Red Pen for Ruling
  - Years 5-6 HB Pencils and work towards pen licence



# **Bookwork Protocols**

	Years P - 2		
	All English/Writing Books		
Margin	Standard wooden ruler width ruled with red pencil from top line to bottom line		
Ruling up	Top line ruled with red pencil and ruler across entire page		
Ruling Off	When work is complete, leave one line, rule off the next line in red pencil to the edge of the page		
Date	In left hand margin at beginning of each section of work e.g. 22-10-12		
Pages	Used consecutively and completely where appropriate to do so		
Photocopied	Neatly trimmed, folded and attached so as not to protrude from book.		
sheets	Preferred attachment method - one strip of glue within margin.		
Writing	Sharp Pencil only		
Instrument	Red Pencil for Margin		
Errors	Rubbed out unless directed by teacher to place a single line through the error.		
Title	Written in first set of blue lines next to left hand margin		
Numbers	Placed on left edge not in margin		
Covers	Books to be protected with covers, plastic, paper, contact		
Books will be neat, legible and free of graffiti and scribble Teachers will acknowledge every page/days work (PPP) Appropriate handwriting for age unless teacher directed as part of individual improvement plan			



**Prep Year – Semester 1** I like the big bad piq. 3-4-13 I like the girl in the little red coat. Lines: 18mm blue feint

Year 1 2-7-17 The Red Dog Once upon a time a dog called Ruffie sat alone in a pet shop. Reading 1. The dog is red. ines: 25mm Dotted Thirds

	Year 2
6-7-17	The Red Dog A red dog sat all alone on the hard pet shop floor.
8-7-17	Reading 1. She was red. 2. "You poor doggie
Lines: 18mm third	ds

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Years 3-6			
All English/Writing Books			
Margin	Standard wooden ruler width ruled with red pen/pencil from top line to bottom line		
Ruling up	Top line ruled with red pen/pencil and ruler across entire page Bottom line ruled with red pen/pencil and ruler across entire page		
Ruling Off	When work is complete, leave one line, rule off the next line in red pen/pen: to the edge of the page	cil	
Date	In left hand margin at beginning of each section of work e.g. 22-10-12		
Pages	Used consecutively and completely where appropriate to do so		
Photocopied sheets	Neatly trimmed, folded and attached so as not to protrude from book. Preferred attachment method - one strip of glue within margin.		
Writing Instrument	Sharp Pencil only Year 5 and 6 students able to write in blue pen at teacher discretion (Pen Licence)		
Errors	Rubbed out unless directed by teacher to place a single line through the error. Errors in pen will be corrected with a single line through the word.		
Title	Written in first set of blue lines next to left hand margin, underlined in red per	h	
Numbers	Placed on left edge not in margin		
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	plan		



Year 3 & 4 25/10/17 Red Dog he. upon a time, not long ago Ince there 1 Ruffie sitting all alone on han shon hour 26/10/17 Reading Comprehension colour. was a red don he was waiting to hp



Year 5 & 6 27/10/17 Keading 10mprehension main character. he second ne. Bear 2edBear, and third Bear. hot. bou was too cold. he thir d bowl was just ... 20/11/17 locabulary Troll is a very large mythical creature e shape of a human. Is are a standed feature of fantasy the Artem For stories, such as in -M word that came to the language from the Vikings. is a word for an online teas nalish online tease.



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Years P - 2		
Mathematics Books		
Ruling up	Top line ruled with red pen and ruler across entire page	
Ruling	Pages folded vertically to form 2 or 4 columns where appropriate	
Columns	Columns ruled with red pencil	
Date	Written on top line, left hand side of page or immediately under last ruling off e.g. 22-10-12	
Pages	Used consecutively and completely	
Title	Under date at beginning of work	
(Orientates	Leave one line blank before working	
Children to		
lesson)		
Photocopied	Neatly trimmed, folded and attached so as not to protrude from book.	
sheets	Preferred attachment method - one strip of glue within margin.	
Writing	Sharp Pencil only	
Instrument	Red Lead for Margins	
Errors	Rubbed out unless directed by teacher to place a single line through	
	the error.	
Books will be neat, legible and free of graffiti and scribble Teachers will acknowledge every page/days' work		

Years 3 - 6		
Mathematics Books		
Ruling up	Top line ruled with red pen/pencil and ruler across entire page	
Ruling	Pages folded vertically to form 2 or 4 columns where appropriate	
Columns	Columns ruled with red pen/pencil	
Date	Written on top line, left hand side of page or immediately under last	
	ruling off e.g. 22-10-12	
Pages	Used consecutively and completely	
Title	Under date at beginning of work	
(Orientates	Rule under title in red pen/pencil	
Children to	Leave one line blank before working	
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