



HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale:

Homework can benefit students by complementing classroom learning, encouraging good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be organised and responsible for their own learning.

Objectives:

- To use homework to assist students to develop effective study habits
- To provide homework which supports classroom learning.

Guidelines:

Types of homework

- *Completing unfinished work* – these tasks have been explained and started in the classroom. This type of homework is often set if the student has not used the set time effectively to complete the task during class time.
- *Designated learning activities* – these tasks may include worksheets, research tasks or projects. This type of homework provides the students a chance to practice applying the skills they have learnt in the classroom.
- *Preparation and study activities* – these tasks involve the students revisiting skills and content that they have learnt. Study activities may include: reading over classnotes, reading the next chapter of the text book or novel, taking notes from a podcast or video clip or additional practice questions for a specific topic.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities will be meaningful tasks which are strongly linked to the skills and knowledge that are the focus of the current curriculum.

Amount of homework

- The amount of homework set for students will increase gradually as they move through the College to prepare them for the demands of senior studies.
- The amount of homework set by each subject will be relative to the percentage of time it is allocated on the timetable.
- In Years 7-10, teachers will take into consideration the competing demands on the student's free time (e.g. other homework, sporting or family commitments). Setting homework that is due the following day will be avoided where possible to allow students to create an effective homework plan.
- Year 7 and 8 students will be expected to complete an average of 30 to 60 minutes per night in total.
- Years 9 and 10 students will be expected to complete an average of 1 – 2 hours per night in total.
- At VCE, students are expected to complete 2-3 hours of homework per subject per week. This homework should include the completion of set tasks and ongoing preparation for exams. It is also expected that VCE students complete at least 5 hours of homework each week of the term breaks to consolidate the learning of the previous term, and in order to be fully prepared for new topics in the upcoming term.

Completion of homework

- The expectations for homework will be outlined by classroom teachers for each subject at the start of the school year.
- All homework tasks are expected to be completed and submitted by the due date. Where this is not the case, students will be asked to complete these tasks during lunchtime or after-school detentions.

Evaluation:

The effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed as part of the College's four-year review cycle.