



HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale:

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

What is homework?

It is important to realise that the amount and the type of homework and given to students can vary from subject to subject and from week to week.

Homework can include activities such as:

- Finishing off work that wasn't completed in class,
- Reading of texts, novels, articles, newspapers,
- Watching a film or television program,
- Completing extra research via books or the internet,
- Putting together an assignment, model or project,
- Revision of the material being studied,
- Studying for a test or an exam,
- Catching up on worked missed due to absence,
- Preparing and practising a speech,
- Having parents help learning spelling, vocabulary,
- Discussing their work with parents.

Implementation

1. The nature, frequency and volume of homework set is left to the professional judgement of teachers in consultation with Year Level Coordinators, Domain Leaders and students.
2. Homework tasks should be coordinated amongst teachers in different Domains where possible to avoid unreasonable workloads being placed on students.,
3. Homework needs to be balanced with family, social and extracurricular activities.
4. At Years 7 to 9, homework should generally range from 2 to 4 hours per week.
5. At Years 10 to 12 this should generally increase to 1 to 3 hours per week night with up to 6 hours on weekends in peak VCE or exam times.
6. Homework activities should be interesting, challenging, purposeful and where appropriate, open-ended.

7. All students will be given a planner that will contain a copy of the Homework Policy. Students who lose their planner will be required to purchase a replacement from the school.
8. Students are expected to use the planner to record any set homework.
9. Teachers should record incomplete homework in the planner.
10. If homework is not being completed on a regular basis, this will be commented on in the planner and then followed up with direct parent contact.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council in November 2010.