

## HOMWORK POLICY

### PURPOSE:

“The setting of homework can be seen as one way of:

- complementing and reinforcing classroom learning
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- developing self-regulation processes such as goal-setting, self-efficacy, self-reflection and time management
- supporting partnerships with parents/carers by connecting families with the learning of their children”

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### DEFINITION:

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

### PREAMBLE:

Homework is seen as a means to provide students with work that reinforces skills and deepens the student's knowledge of what has occurred in the classroom. It is effective when it is set at an appropriate level which enhances student learning for students experiencing difficulty and also extends others. Homework should be considered within the broader understanding of students experiencing a balance between school related and non-school related activity. Completed homework should always be acknowledged and assessed by the teacher through formal or informal means.

Set out below is general advice for students and parents on the level of homework at different year levels.

#### **Foundation to Year 2 (10 minutes per night)**

Homework Program (at least 10 minutes per night) including supervised reading.

#### **Year 3 to 6 (no more than 20 minutes per night)**

Independent reading (at least 10 minutes per night)

Spelling Words (5 minutes per night)

Recite Multiplication Tables either independently or with parent, guardian or carer. Informal testing of multiplication tables.

Tasks set by the teacher with relation to projects, assignments and exercises.

Any unfinished classwork the teacher has assigned.

### **Year 7 to 10 (3 -4 hours per week)**

Independent reading (15 minutes per night)

Independent writing (15 minutes per night)

Recite and revise multiplication tables on a regular basis until familiar

Unfinished classroom work assigned by the teacher

Preparation for upcoming lessons as prescribed by the teacher

Revise and prepare for Assessment Tasks

Completion of projects, assignments and exercises from any subject.

### **Year 11 to 12 (from 1.5 hours to 3 hours per night for final year VCE students, up to 6 hours on weekends for students completing VCE units)**

Independent reading of a prescribed novel or novel of interest.

Active interest in current events and affairs through reading and watching news either online or television.

Assessment Tasks

Preparation for upcoming lessons as prescribed by the teacher

Prescribed homework tasks which may include exercises, projects and assignments.

Study and revision in preparation for internal and external examinations.

Senior students have access to the College facilities after school for study only, whilst College teaching staff are present and prior approval has been granted.

## **MANAGEMENT AND ACTIONS**

Students who do not complete homework by the due date will receive a chronicle on Compass. Students will be required to attend lunchtime homework classes until the work is completed.

Parents will be notified either by the subject teacher or home group teacher if their child continually misses homework due dates.

Students who continually miss deadlines may result in after school detention.

The college requests parents/guardians support in implementing the college homework policy.

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