

## Homework Policy

### STATEMENT

Regular homework as given by the teachers and independent home-study are important for the consolidation of learning. It provides the student with opportunities to consolidate the knowledge and skills learnt in class, as well as enabling the student to develop independent study habits which are necessary for both future study and work expectations.

### PURPOSE

- To reinforce the concepts taught during class time.
- To extend students' ability to complete tasks and revise class work.
- To involve parents in the students' learning process.
- To develop skills of organisation and responsibility.
- To develop a positive attitude to learning.

### GUIDELINES

The following guidelines will be adhered to in relation to the Homework Policy:

- Teachers set homework regularly and review each student's progress.
- The amount of homework will vary according to student learning needs, year level and subject. To assist students in achieving a suitable balance between homework and recreational activities, the following pattern of homework/independent study is suggested as a minimum:
  - Years 7 & 8 5-6 hours per week
  - Years 9 & 10 8-10 hours per week
  - Year 11 12 -14 hours per week
  - Year 12 15+ hours per week
- Types of homework/independent study include:
  - completion of work unfinished during class-time; completing notes and other work missed during absences;
  - revision of class work and preparation for tests; and
  - assessment tasks, research activities, pre-reading, projects and assignments set by teachers to be completed at home.
- Set homework should be worthwhile, achievable and related to the current school program.
- Each student will use a college planner or electronic calendar to record homework tasks and due dates.
- Effective homework and independent home study are best achieved when organised and completed as part of a time management routine.
- Teachers are required to ensure that clear instructions are given regarding homework, and ensure that adequate time for completion is allowed.
- Teachers will regularly check and provide prompt feedback on completed homework.
- Parents are asked to monitor students' set homework by regularly checking students' planners and the Compass portal.
- Work can be made up during lunchtime or after school where appropriate.
- Homework must be submitted by the due date. For guidelines around late submission of work/assessment tasks refer to the Assessment and Reporting Policy.

- Teachers to use Compass to inform parents of work that has not been submitted.

### **HOLIDAY HOMEWORK**

The following applies to students in years 7 to 10.

The only homework that students should have in the school holidays is to read their novels and watch film texts for English.

There is a strong expectation that parents will encourage students to read English novels.

Students going in to VCE can expect holiday homework, including over the summer school holidays.

### **EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed every three years, with recommended changes being presented to College Council.

### **ENDORSED:**

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Education Community: 16 June 2020

College Council: 21 July 2020

### **DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: 2023**