



# HOMework POLICY

Homework is given for two reasons. One is to practise/revise what has been learnt at school. The second is to form good study habits.

Work at home consists of:

1. Written homework usually set each night by subject teachers and checked in subsequent lessons;
2. Study to help learn and revise concepts presented in class that are particularly necessary before tests and examination blocks;
3. Completing assessment tasks.

Students are given a College diary at the start of the school year and will be expected to use it to record all-important matters including set homework.

Homework includes some of the following:

- Preparation for next day's work.
- Completion of work commenced that day.
- Revision of daily work.
- Revision of past work.
- Homework assignments.
- Background reading for new topics.
- Wide reading.

It is expected that students in Stage 6 should spend at least 3 hours each night on homework and revision work in Year 11 and 3 – 4 hours in Year 12.

It is anticipated that, by doing their homework successfully, students:

- Will learn to manage their own study time more effectively;
- Will learn to work independently;
- Will consolidate what has been learned in class by revising and reinforcing the lessons of the day;
- Will extend their knowledge and skills beyond what has been learnt in class;
- Will set and manage their own goals;

- Will motivate themselves;
- Will strive for higher standards of performance;
- Will appreciate that learning extends beyond the classroom;

In order to achieve these outcomes students will have to be guided and directed successfully by the teachers and parents. Homework is a shared responsibility:

**The classroom teacher** is responsible for:

- Setting homework.
- Writing the homework on the board and checking the students have copied it into their diaries.
- Giving homework instructions that are clear, simple and precise.
- Dissecting into several sections tasks that have a time frame of two or more weeks. This should include parameters such as time required for completion; layout; and date due. This would be the case for an assessment task.
- Having homework that provides opportunities for written and non-written study and including a variety of tasks over time.
- Setting homework in the week leading to examinations that consists of a planned program of revision in preparation for the examinations.
- Checking that it is done.
- Placing students into Homework Club that have not completed the work set. (see below)

**The parent** is responsible for:

- Providing a suitable environment.
- Monitoring the amount of homework being done.
- Examining and signing their son/daughter's diary weekly.

**The student** is responsible for doing the work.

Students who do not complete set homework can be required to report to the library on the afternoon that the work was not completed. This time (30 minutes) will be spent catching up on the work and also discussing possible underlining reasons why the work is not being done.