



HOMWORK POLICY

Rationale:

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

Objectives:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self learning.

Guidelines:

- Classroom teachers will regularly set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum

Primary Years (Prep – Year 6)

Homework will include:

- reading activities to, with and by adults or older siblings.
- simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- gathering of additional information or materials
- independent reading on a daily basis
- tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day and will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

Secondary Years (Years 7-12)

Homework will include:

- preparing for the following day's classes
- completing assignments, research and projects
- preparing for assessment tasks and exams
- preparing class presentations

Years 7 and 8 will average about 60 to 90 minutes each day.

Years 9 and 10 would be expected to complete one to two hours per night, whilst VCE students need to complete up to 3 hours per night as well as up to six hours on weekends.

Evaluation:

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