



Homework Policy

This policy involves the whole school community – students, teachers, parents and management. It is based on, and is a development of the school’s mission statement and will be communicated to all parties.

RATIONALE

The school seeks to:

- Cultivate pride in students own work and achievements
- Consolidate learning which has taken place in the classroom
- Foster self-learning skills and self discipline
- Encourage independent learning and organisational skills for each student

AIMS

The aims of the policy are that:

- Students will become aware of the value of homework and learning work as an integral part of the learning process.
- Students will become self-disciplined and self-motivated.
- Students will appreciate that homework/learning work is for their benefit. They will ‘own’ their work and regard it as intellectual property.
- Students will present their homework to a reasonable standard and will make every effort to ensure that it is completed.

WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE POLICY?

The Board of Management will seek to ensure that this policy is developed, implemented, reviewed and disseminated appropriately.

The Principal, Deputy Principal and Year Heads/Mentors/Class Tutors will ensure that this policy is actively implemented.

Class Teachers will assign appropriate homework, evaluate progress and foster a positive work ethos. Homework will be differentiated where required. The learning component of homework will be guided by class teachers and actively supported by parents. Class teachers will communicate with parents where students have difficulties with homework/learning work or where homework is not produced to appropriate standards.

Students should attempt to complete assigned homework to the best of their abilities and should undertake additional learning work (study) apart from required assignments. Students are expected to aim for quality homework, presented well and well organized. Where there is no written homework assigned in a subject, **there will always be learning work** to be completed by the student based on what has occurred in the

lesson that day. Student expectations around homework are included in the student's homework journal as follows:

Student Expectations regarding Homework:

- Students are responsible for their homework and its completion.
- Students are expected to aim for quality homework that is well presented and well organized.
- Students are expected to make every effort to complete their homework on a daily basis to ensure consolidation of learning which has taken place in the classroom that day.
- Students must write their homework in to their school journal during each class.
- Where there is no written homework, the student must record the topic/s which were completed during that day's lesson.
- Where there is no written homework, in a subject, the student is expected to complete learning homework, i.e. revisit what was completed during that day's lesson
- The student must ensure that they have their journal signed daily (Junior students) or weekly (Senior students) by a parent/guardian.
- Where there is difficulty with homework, students should have a note in their journal from a parent/guardian for the teacher.

Parents should try, in conjunction with the school, to support this policy by ensuring that homework is being attempted in each subject area. They should try to foster a positive attitude to homework. When there is no required written homework in a subject for the next day, this does not mean no work – there will always be learning homework. Parents must actively support this learning homework. To assist this learning homework, all students, along with their textbooks, will have access to StudyClix and examination students will have exam papers. Completing learning homework will assist the student in preparation for the next class in that subject and will ease understanding for the student.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR HOMEWORK, REVISION AND STUDY

1st, 2nd and 3rd year students up to 2 hours per night

5th and 6th year students up to 3 hours per night

There is no suggested limitation on weekend work, however it is advisable for all students to ensure that they have ample time to complete homework and learning work so as to be fully prepared and organized for the next week's lessons.

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

The success of this policy will be assured by frequent monitoring of homework, by regular class testing, and by evaluation and analysis of 'house test' results and State Examinations results.

REVIEW AND RATIFICATION

This Policy was reviewed in June 2022 and ratified by the Board of Management on 14th June 2022.

Signed	<i>M. Molloy</i>	Date 14/06/2022
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Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed	<i>M. McDermott</i>	Date 14/06/2022
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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management