



## HOMEWORK (Learning Preparation) POLICY

### Years 7-10

#### Purpose of Home Learning or “Homework”

Homework endeavours to engage the student in quality learning. Quality learning can take place at home when it is a purposeful and deliberate extension of student learning. Learners consolidate, attain and extend knowledge and skills independently and with guidance.

Homework tasks depend on the subject, learner (level of understanding) and stage in the course being studied. It is connected to what students are learning to do, or learning about, at school.

#### Homework is helpful when:

- It provides the opportunity to consolidate what has been learnt at school;
- It is tailored to the specific needs of learners;
- It allows for the fact that students learn and work at different rates and have different needs;
- It is set within the learner’s zone of proximal development, facilitating success and thereby increasing their confidence regarding learning;
- It is engaging (involving a range of physical, creative, oral and written tasks);
- It develops productive long-term habits of learning and planning; and
- It gives learners choice and can encourage, motivate and nurture their natural curiosity.

#### Homework (Learning Preparation): Years 7-9

Years 7-9 Learning Preparation Plan	
20 – 30 minutes	Assessment completion (as required)
30 minutes	Class based activities as prescribed by teachers
Preparation for Learning	Research, revision & incomplete class work
Prescribed reading	Students are expected to engage in reading for 30 minutes, four nights per week. This time is to be spent reading their prescribed texts and engaging in further wide reading.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If a student is absent from class, it is their responsibility to ensure that they consult with their teachers and complete any outstanding classwork.</li></ul>	



## Homework (Learning Preparation): Year 10

Year 10 Learning Preparation Plan	
<b>30 minutes</b>	Assessment completion & examination preparation (as required)
<b>45 minutes</b>	Class based activities as prescribed by teachers
<b>Preparation for Learning</b>	Research, revision & incomplete class work
<b>Prescribed reading</b>	Students are expected to engage in reading for 30 minutes, four nights per week. This time is to be spent reading their prescribed texts and engaging in further wide reading.
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### General

- Homework will not necessarily be the same for every student in the class. Homework needs to reflect the needs of each individual learner.
- Homework should not be a source of worry or frustration for the student, teacher or parent.
- The College has a holistic approach to education and encourages a lifestyle balance for all students. After school activities, for instance, co-curricular, recreational and social, are equally important in terms of developing well-rounded individuals.

### Reading

Reading has many benefits; it stimulates the brain, gives you peace, calmness and reduces stress, increases your knowledge, improves your writing, expands your vocabulary and improves your concentration, memory and analytical skills. The English and HSIE faculties expect students to read 2 hours per week, including prescribed texts and wide reading material. We ask parents to encourage their child to read so it becomes a daily habit. Following are some suggestions:

- Help your child choose the right book and allow their interest to guide choices. Regularly discuss what they are reading and ask questions about the book.
- If you lose interest in a book, find another book that you connect with.
- Create a routine in which you read for 20-30 minutes every night prior to going to sleep.
- Ensure you have a variety of books and reading materials at home.



- Take an interest in reading newspapers to keep informed of a current affairs, both nationally and globally.

## **Holiday Homework**

As stated in the Attendance section of the Handbook, absence from school for extended periods is not encouraged and holidays should only be taken in calendared school holiday periods. If requested leave is approved by the principal, parents and carers sometimes ask for homework for their child when they take holiday breaks during the school term.

In the cases of extended leave, it is the responsibility of students to ensure they make every effort to stay as up to date as possible through monitoring tasks and activities placed on Compass. This will assist them with a smoother transition when returning to school.

## **Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed one year after its implementation date and then every three years or as the need arises. It is the responsibility of the College Leadership Team to implement such reviews and to update this policy when necessary.