



HOMWORK POLICY

PREAMBLE

St Patrick's College values the importance of homework and study. In line with the College's mission, we seek to provide a learning environment that is comprehensive, inclusive and responsive to individual needs of the students.

Homework and study is very important as it builds responsibility and reinforces the concepts that are taught in class. Homework and study is not new learning but practice of already introduced skills.

BENEFITS OF HOMEWORK

Homework and study is a valuable part of schooling as it allows for practicing, extending and consolidating the work done in class. It provides training for students in planning and organising their time and provides parents with insight into their daughter's learning. Homework and study is most beneficial when:

- It reinforces, enhances or extends coursework and consolidates basic skills and knowledge.
- It assists in the development of organisation and management and the development of self study habits.
- It provides parents/caregivers with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their daughter.
- It encourages initiative, independence and responsibility.
- It fosters College/home communication.
- It is challenging and purposeful, taking into account students' age and ability.
- It is well coordinated and teacher expectations are well communicated.
- It is set on a regular basis and establishes a routine of home study.
- It takes into account student home responsibilities and co-curricular activities, including sport and part time employment.

THREE MAIN TYPES OF HOMEWORK AND STUDY THAT CAN BE ASSIGNED

Practical Exercises

Providing students with the opportunity to apply new knowledge or review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills. Examples include:

- Completing work started in class.
- Consolidation exercises for knowledge and skills.
- Revising information about current topics.
- Practising words or phrases learnt in a language including English and other languages.
- Reading for pleasure.
- Essay writing.



Preparatory Homework and Study

Providing opportunities for students to gain background information on a unit of study so that they are better prepared for future lessons. Examples include:

- Background reading and research.
- Revision for upcoming tests.
- Read and revise notes.
- Annotate theory.
- Produce summaries or study notes.
- Research of topics for a class unit of coursework.

Extension Activities

Encourage students to pursue knowledge individually and imaginatively. Examples include:

- Investigation and project based activities.
- Information acquisition and retrieval skills.

Whilst there is no set time for homework at St Patrick's College, it is **suggested** that the following times be used as a guide:

Year Level	Hours per day after School	Hours on the Weekend
Year 7	Up to but not more than 1 hour	1 hour
Year 8	1 ¼ hours	1 ½ hours
Year 9	1 ½ hours	2 hours
Year 10	2–3 hours	4 hours
Year 11	2–3 ½ hours	4–4 ½ hours
Year 12	3–4 hours	5–7 hours

WHAT IS THE ROLE FOR TEACHERS?

Teachers are to ensure that all homework required is recorded by students in their College diary. Homework must be checked and or marked by the teacher in a timely manner. Non completion of homework must be recorded in the teacher's mark book and a demerit given to the student on Sentral. Failure to complete homework on three occasions will result in a lunchtime detention and communication with parents. If after appropriate interventions the student continues to fail to complete homework regularly, then this must be recorded on her report as "Of Concern". Teachers must also be mindful of the amount of homework given during peak assessment periods for the year group. This information can be accessed through Sentral.

WHAT IS THE ROLE FOR PARENTS?

Parents can support their daughter by encouraging her to take responsibility for her learning and organisation. Study and homework allow parents to build positive partnerships with their daughter. This partnership allows parents to determine a balance between school commitments and co-curricular activities, as well as family responsibilities. Parents can support their daughter by providing a positive environment to study and encourage her to set aside a regular daily session to read and complete set tasks.