Homework Framework

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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.

Aims:

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

Implementation:

- All students will be allocated homework diaries to assist with their planning and organisation.
- Classroom teachers will set daily 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, built on knowledge, skills and understanding developed in class. Drill and pointless activities are to be avoided. Homework must be purposeful and relate to the current learning occurring in the classroom.
- Homework activities may be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- The school’s website will detail homework expectations, and in the future will provide opportunities for students to submit homework tasks electronically.

Middle Years of Schooling (Years 7 – 9)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis.
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and independent research work.
- Homework will generally be between 45 and 90 minutes per day, must be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload, and may be set during weekends and school vacations.
Senior Years of Schooling (Year 10 – Year 12)

*Homework will consist mainly of:*

- Reading, research, assignments, assessments tasks and independent projects.
- Homework schedules will be discussed with each student individually at IEPs, with opportunities being made for parents to discuss homework with the school at Parent Teacher evenings.
- Students will be provided with formal opportunities to build organisation and planning skills.
- Homework will generally increase from 90 minutes to 3 hours per weeknight with up to 6 hours on weekends during peak study periods.

*Homework assistance*

- The school will provide a supervised after school hours homework and study centre (The Help Centre) to assist students complete set tasks. This will operate on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons in the school library.
- Year 12 students will be offered tutorial revision groups from the middle of Term 3 each year taken by teachers within the school. These sessions will be out of school hours. Some teachers may offer tutorial groups during the October school holidays.
- It is commonplace for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

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