



POLICY ON HOMEWORK

This policy is rooted in the Mission Statement and aims of the school, fostering partnership between parents, teachers and the community in the interest of children's learning. All members of the school community will be treated with respect and compassion irrespective of social, racial, sexual or ethnic background.

AIMS:

- To ensure consistent approaches to the setting and reviewing of homework.
- To empower and motivate students to become efficient and independent learners.
- To enhance the academic achievements of the student and provide a framework where progress can be evaluated.
- To encourage parents to take an interest in and to share responsibility for their child's progress.

FORMULATION:

The Principal and senior management in consultation with subject departments shall formulate the homework policy.

When assigning homework what should be the teachers aim?

- To identify the knowledge and skills the teacher wishes the student to learn.
- Give homework and assignments that are relevant to work covered in class.
- Ensure the student sees that there is a specific target to the homework given.
- Teach the necessary skills and approaches before assigning homework.
- To identify specific areas of difficulty (or strength) for a given student.
- Give clear instructions.

What are the important issues for the student with regard to homework?

- Homework will be given in each subject at the end of each lesson. The format of homework will differ depending on the subject.
- The student will be told by the teacher the criteria for evaluating homework.
- Students will be advised by the teacher to retain all corrected homework.
- Homework will be corrected each day and dated by the teacher on a regular basis.
- Marks or grades may be given for homework. Relevant feedback will be provided by the teacher.
- No homework will be given during house exams.

How is the student motivated to do homework?

- Guidance Teachers will organise Study skills workshops.
- There will be a common approach to study/homework within each subject department.
- Progress will be tracked by means of the student Journal. Regular class tests will be given and results entered in the school journal.

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- This Homework Policy is issued to Subject Departments and forms the rationale of each Subject Department Policy.
- Students will be praised and encouraged by teachers.
- Failure to complete homework will be recorded in the school journal.
- As part of the school's rewards system students may be given a homework free night and /or an affirmation stamp, etc.
- Use of AFL, written and oral feedback to motivate students.

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

- A rough time guide for study will be suggested for each year group. This is outlined in the student journal.
- Each subject department will devise, implement and evaluate teaching and homework programs.
- Special considerations will be made for students with special educational needs. SEP will be in place for students in receipt of Department of Education Resources.
- Homework given/ homework completed will be kept by class teachers in the teacher's manual.
- Parents will be encouraged to play an active role ensuring their child does homework assigned.

MONITORING PROCEDURES:

- Homework Policy will be on the Agenda for Subject Department Meetings.
- Subject Department teachers will meet once or twice a term to monitor homework and its implementation.
- Principal, Deputy Principal's will reinforce homework policy at subject department meetings.
- Parents will be informed of child's progress and their performance in homework regularly in the student journal and at parent teacher meetings.

Success criteria

- Aims and goals are attained.
- Good quality homework is presented and significant progress is apparent.
- That each student is achieving their potential and is satisfied with the effectiveness and relevance of the work assigned and with the feedback from the subject teacher.

Review procedures:

- Policy is reviewed by SSE team on a regular basis.

Reviewed:

Date: _____

Chairperson of the BOM: _____