



POLICY

HOMEWORK

Rationale:

All students need to do homework to ensure positive learning outcomes, to reinforce learning and to lend support to the teaching programme.

Purpose:

1. To develop self discipline and independent habits of study.
2. To develop organisational and research skills.
3. To enhance the curriculum and individual teaching programmes.
4. To enable students to keep up to date with their studies.
5. To promote parent involvement in the learning process and to enable them to monitor their daughter's progress.

Guidelines:

1. All teachers will prepare homework tasks relevant to year level and ability level.
2. Each student must keep a homework diary and to include a homework timetable. Junior students are expected to purchase a St Hilda's homework diary.
3. Homework should be set, sighted and marked.
4. Study skills will be taught to year 11 and 13 classes. Study skills will be taught to years 9 and 10 through Skills for Living classes.
5. Each Department should take responsibility for putting in place a homework statement in their handbook which reflects this policy.
6. The degree of difficulty and amount of the homework should be the decision of the individual teacher.
7. If homework requirements are not able to be met, a note from home explaining the reasons is expected.
8. As students progress throughout the school, the homework set will be more related to assignment work due by a set date.
9. Students need to learn to manage homework time and assignments effectively.
10. The following is a guideline for expected homework times five nights per week:

Year 7 and 8	1 hour per night
Year 9	1.5 – 2 hours
Year 10	1.5 – 2 hours
Year 11	1.5 - 2 hours plus study
Year 12	2 - 2.5 hours plus study

