ST EUPHEMIA COLLEGE

K-12

HOMEWORK PROCEDURES

2014
Homework Policy - Procedures

Procedures

Homework is an integral part of the learning process. It:

- bridges the gap between learning at school and learning at home
- reinforces work completed in class
- helps develop skills such as research and time management
- allows parents and caregivers the opportunity to see the progress of their children
- provides extension activities for some students
- provides an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning
- provides parents and caregivers with insights into what is being taught at school
- develops a range of skills in identifying and using information sources.

Types of Homework

a) Practice Exercises:
provide students with opportunities to apply, revise and reinforce newly acquired knowledge and skills

b) Preparatory Exercises:
provide opportunities for students to gain background information so they are better prepared for future lessons

c) Extension Assignments:
encourage students to pursue knowledge individually and imaginatively.

d) Assessment Tasks:
allow students time to prepare for assessment tasks and examinations

Homework Guidelines K-6

Importance of Reading

Reading for personal enjoyment is a focal point of the Homework Policy as it leads to a better understanding of subject matter in all Key Learning Areas.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to provide a home environment conducive to sound study habits, whereby parents and caregivers assist with home reading.

Students should practise their reading in Greek as well as in English.

Homework Guide

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<th>TIME</th>
<th>SUGGESTED TASK</th>
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<td>K</td>
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<td>Years 2 to 6</td>
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Implementation

Teachers have the responsibility to:

- discuss their homework schedule with their colleagues
- communicate it to students and parents and caregivers.

Note:

- Years 1 to 2 will spend approximately 5-10 minutes reading nightly. The remainder of the allocated time will be spent consolidating classroom work.
- Years 3 to 6 will be encouraged to read for approximately 15-20 minutes nightly. The remainder of the allocated time will be spent consolidating classroom work.
- Weekend homework (K-6) involves reading only. Occasionally, students may also be required to complete research tasks or projects.

The time allocated in the homework schedule is only a guide. Teachers, parents and caregivers need to consider individual differences in the amount of time students may take to complete set tasks. Some students may require additional parental/caregiver assistance.

Collaboration between teachers, parents and caregivers ensures that each student’s learning needs are successfully addressed.

Homework Guidelines Years 7-12

The regular setting of homework by teachers at St Euphemia College is a School Policy. The nature, frequency and amount of homework are left to the professional judgment of teachers.

Homework for Years 7-8

Homework activities can support students to develop time management skills and help them to become more independent learners. This is particularly important for those Year 7 students entering High School. Years 7-8 students may be expected to complete approximately 15 minutes of homework per subject per night.

Homework for Years 9-10

Years 9-10 students may be expected to complete approximately 25 minutes of homework per subject per night.

Homework for Years 11-12

In Years 11-12 students may be expected to complete between 2-4 hours per night in total.

Note: In the senior years, preparation for assessment tasks will require additional time at home.