HOMEWORK POLICY

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:
- The College's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year. A copy will be given to Year 11 and 12 students to put in their homework planners and it will be printed in the Year 7 to 10 homework planners.
- All students will be asked to purchase homework planners.
- Classroom teachers will set weekly homework appropriate to each student’s learning needs.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum. All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- Homework expectations will be placed on the Ultranet.
- Every term each domain will include an additional open ended challenge appropriate to students of a variety of ages, which students may choose to embrace.

Middle Years (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 research. Homework will generally be between 30 and 60 minutes per day. Through the use of planners teachers and students will coordinate to avoid excessive workload.

Senior Years (Year 10 – Year 12)
- Homework will consist mainly of:
  - Reading, research, assignments, assessments tasks and independent projects.
  - Homework schedules will be discussed within each class. Parents may discuss homework issues with the class teacher or year level coordinator.
  - Students will be provided with formal opportunities to build organisation and planning skills. Through development of individual work plans and working with teachers.
    - Yr 10 In core subjects teachers will generally set 50-70 minutes of homework per week. In elective subjects teachers will set additional tasks, revision or continuation work necessary not exceeding 60 minutes per week.
    - Yr 11 In each subject teachers will generally set 80-100 minutes of homework per week.
    - Yr 12 In each subject teachers will generally set 120-180 minutes of homework per week.
  - At peak times (eg prior to exams and major assessment task) homework may increase.
  - We will provide a supervised after school Homework and Study Centre to assist students complete set tasks.
  - It is commonplace for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

Evaluation:
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.