



Homework Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

Home study at St. Benedict's Catholic College is an integral part of the development and education of the whole person. Its purpose is to motivate students to become active participants in their own learning. Home study provides an opportunity for consolidation, revision and extension of course work. Home study develops sound study and organisational skills. It serves to reinforce knowledge, assists in developing research, organisational and problem solving skills, and encourages an attitude of responsibility and self-reliance. Home study enhances academic progress and self-confidence.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. All students from Years 7 – 12 are expected to complete home study on a regular basis.
2. Home studies should have a purpose and be achievable.
3. All homework should be entered in the student diary.
4. Teachers are expected to check homework for both completion and quality.
5. Failure to complete homework should be entered in the student diary in the first instance.
6. Homework comprises of written work from class and projects, research activities, assignments and reading tasks - not including assessment work. Normally homework may take between half and two thirds of home-study time. The remaining time should be given to study and revision.
7. Teachers should keep a record of homework completion for reporting purposes.
8. Junior classes should have minimal weekend homework. Homework should not be given on Friday for Monday of the following week - although students would still be expected to complete assignments/assessments as well as study for examinations.
9. Homework is not to be given to be specifically completed over end of term holiday breaks.
10. It is reasonable for teachers to issue senior classes with homework over the weekends and holiday periods.
11. Suggested times for homework are:

Year 7	1.5 hrs per week night
Year 8	1.5 hrs per week night
Year 9	2 hrs per week night
Year 10	2-3 hrs per week night

BASIS OF DISCRETION

- The amount and difficulty of homework should be adjusted to suit the ability of the student. Homework may be inappropriate for some students, particularly those in Special Education Programs.
- The home situation of some students may need to be taken into account when correcting homework and deciding upon a course of action where homework is incomplete.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION



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- Faculty homework procedures should be documented in each faculty's handbook.
- Student Diary

POLICY RELEASE DETAILS

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