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 provided to all students in their planners
- Homework tasks will be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum. All homework activities will be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- In the case of students failing to complete homework, classroom teachers may –
  - Require the student to attend catch-up session outside of class time
  - Communicate via a letter with parents
  - Discuss ongoing concerns with a year level co-ordinator

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.
- Yr 10 will generally set 50-70 minutes of homework per week per subject.
  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.
- 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.