

Homework Policy

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1. Relationship to School Mission/Aims:

Homework forms an essential part of effective pupil learning and, therefore, it should be given serious consideration by pupils, parents and teachers alike. Homework may take many forms of learning, studying/revision as well as written work and associated tasks. Díochas (diligence and commitment towards learning & teaching) encourages us to use homework as an essential part of our teaching and learning.

2. Rationale:

It is our policy to give homework. The reasons homework is given:

- a. Homework is a re-enforcement of the work done in class. It provides an assessment for both students and teachers as to whether or not and how well the work has been understood.
- b. It helps students to identify areas of difficulty which may require further clarification.
- c. It affords students the opportunity to work on their own and take responsibility for their learning. It promotes the concept of self-directed learning.
- d. It forms a crucial part of exam preparation and performance.

3. St. Peter's College Homework Policy Content:

In School:

Students should record all their homework, oral, written and revision, in their homework journal (1st to 4th years inclusive) or Student Yearbook and Career Directory (5th and 6th years)

Teachers will be vigilant to avoid overloading of homework assignments.

If students miss a class for Extra-Curricular activities, it is their responsibility to get any assigned homework from another student in the relevant class and complete it for the following class in that subject.

These guidelines on homework are intended to assist students, teachers and parents. They should not be regarded as absolute but should be used flexibly.

At Home:

Students should treat their homework as an important part of school life. It demands time and attention so therefore, students should do their homework:

- At a definite, fixed time each day
- As soon as is realistically possible after arriving home
- In a warm, well-lit, quiet room with no distractions from TV, MP3 player, mobile phone, computer etc
- As soon as is practically possible, Students should plan ahead to ensure that all homework is submitted on time.
- Students should be encouraged to do such work as early as possible. Homework should be completed by 9/10pm depending on the year group.
- All subjects require full attention – don't avoid subjects you don't like.

4. Time recommended

Research shows that students who fully complete homework perform better in exams. The following average time limits are guidelines for students and parents alike:

Year	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	5 th	6 th
Hours	1-2 *	2-2.5	2.5-3	3	3 +

* Individual homework assignments for 1st years should take on average 15 minutes.

Other points to note:

- Students should seek guidance from subject teacher on best study practice and techniques in relevant subject area.

5. Sanctions

Students must have a note from their Parents if they are unable to complete homework, however homework should always be attempted.

Students should have a note from Parents if they have a genuine reason for not doing homework on a particular occasion.

Students who consistently fail to produce homework will be referred to their Tutor and may be placed on homework report or detention

If the problem persists, Student will be referred to their Ceannaire.

Students involved in extra-curricular activities who persistently fail to catch up on homework may be removed from extra-curricular activities.

6. Roles & Responsibilities:

The policy is to be reviewed by stakeholders regularly.

Teacher, Parents and Students have a responsibility to implement this policy.

7. Monitoring Procedure:

Reviewed by SALT on an on-going basis

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Date to be reviewed: _____