

Monbulk College

Policy:

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Homework

November 2008

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BASIC BELIEFS

Monbulk College believes that homework:

- complements and reinforces classroom learning
- is an important part of the education of all students at all year levels.
- is a shared responsibility between the College and home.
- supports and extends classroom learning, develops positive study habits and a responsibility for self-learning

AIMS:

- to extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- to complete unfinished class learning activities
- appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
- to include daily independent reading
- be coordinated across subjects in secondary schools to avoid unreasonable workloads for students and be balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES:

- All students will be expected to possess and use a College Student Planner to record homework and assist student time management
- The College's Homework Policy will be distributed to parents/guardians at the commencement of each College year and outlined in the Student Planner.
- The College recommends a homework schedule, as follows:

Year 7:	30 minutes per day
Year 8:	45 minutes per day
Year 9:	1 hour per day
Year 10:	1-2 hours per day
Year 11:	2-3 hours per day
Year 12:	3-4 hours per day

Teacher responsibilities:

- Classroom teachers have the responsibility to set homework relevant to classroom learning, and to ensure that it is completed and assessed.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age or year level. Recommended home study time at each year level is outlined in the Student Planner.
- Homework activities should be interesting and challenging.
- When there is no set homework, appropriate activities for students are completion of class-work, wide reading, revision and extension work.
- The classroom teacher should regularly check the student's planner to ensure that homework tasks are recorded.

Student responsibilities

- Students have the responsibility to complete the set homework.

Parent/Guardian responsibilities:

- Parents/guardians should ensure that their students own and use a planner to note details of homework tasks and due dates.
- Parents/guardians should also ensure there is a suitable study space and environment for students at home.
- Parents/Guardians should ensure that a regular time is scheduled for completion of homework/study activities
- Parents/Guardians should endeavour to maintain a balance of physical, cultural, recreational and academic pursuits

Reference:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/homework.aspx>

Approved By	School Council
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Responsible for Review	Assistant Principal – Policy and Planning Sub-Committee
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