



Alkira
Secondary College

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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 College year.
- All students will be allocated homework diaries.
- Classroom teachers will set daily homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum. Drill and practice activities are to be avoided.
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- The College's website will detail homework expectations, will include additional open ended challenges that are appropriate to students of a variety of ages, which students may choose to embrace, and will provide opportunities for students to submit homework tasks electronically.

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 45 and 90 minutes per day, must be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload, and may be set during weekends and College vacations.

Later Years (Year 10 – Year 12)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading, research, assignments, assessments tasks and independent projects.
- Homework schedules will be discussed with each student individually, with opportunities being made for parents to discuss homework issues with the College.
- Students will be provided with formal opportunities to build organisation and planning skills.
- Homework will generally increase from 90 minutes to 3 hours per weeknight with up to 6 hours on weekends during peak VCE periods.

Alkira SC will provide a supervised after College homework and study 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 College's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in **June 2016**