



# MACLEOD COLLEGE

A STATE P~12 SCHOOL

## Homework Policy

### 1. Preamble

Homework is important part of a student's education. The purpose of homework is to:

- encourage students to develop the skills, confidence and motivation to study effectively on their own
- consolidate and reinforce the skills and understanding developed at school
- extend school learning (for example through additional reading)
- develop a work ethic and foster self discipline through the development of independent study habits
- provide opportunities for parents and carers to be involved in their students' learning and be informed about the school work

### 2. Aim

To develop a consistent approach and clearer understanding regarding the amount and type of work that students are to complete at home

### 3. Implementation

#### 3.1 Teachers have the responsibility of:

- Setting appropriate homework. This varies depending on the subject
- Checking homework and encouraging students to record homework in their diary
- Providing feedback

#### 3.2 Parents/carers can assist their children by:

- Monitoring their child's homework
- Providing a suitable, quiet work/study environment
- Encourage their child to review their learning

#### 3.3 Students have the responsibility of:

- Completing set tasks conscientiously and on time
- Review their learning from each lesson
- Record all homework in their diary

3.4 The amount and type of home work undertaken should take into consideration the following guidelines:

#### A. Prep to Grade 4

- provide an extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials
- can consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings
- does **not** exceed 30 minutes a day or be set on weekends or during vacations

### **B. Grade 5 to Year 9**

- include daily independent reading
- be coordinated across subjects in secondary schools to avoid unreasonable workloads for students
- extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- does not exceed:
  - 30 minutes a day at Year 5 to 7
  - 45 minutes a day in Year 8 and 9

### **C. Year 10 to 12**

- There are three specific types of homework:
  - Specifically set tasks designed to follow a class learning activity or prepare for a learning activity
  - Incidental homework that may involve/ include completion of class work
  - Self study that may involve students reviewing their learning, preparing study material, developing topic summaries. Different ways of study include: reading, mind maps, practice questions, self testing, peer testing, topic summaries
- will generally range from 1–3 hours per week night with up to 6 hours on weekends during peak VCE periods.

## **4. Related Documents/Resources**

## **5. Endorsement Date**

College Council endorsement date: 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

## **6. Evaluation and review**

This policy will be reviewed annually or more often if necessary due to changes in local circumstances. It is to be evaluated and re endorsed as part of the College's three year review cycle.