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# EDENHOPE COLLEGE HOMEWORK POLICY

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline to students, parents/carers and school staff Edenhope College's expectations for homework and at-home learning.

## Scope

This policy applies to students in all year levels and to staff responsible for setting homework.

## Policy

Edenhope College expects students to further develop and consolidate their independent learning skills by completing homework tasks. Homework has a positive effect on learning and is an important part of reinforcing the concepts that are introduced in class. It also plays a significant role in building work ethic, self-discipline and responsibility.

Teachers at Edenhope College are encouraged to exercise their discretion in assigning tasks that are appropriate for their students. Homework assigned across different learning areas will be coordinated by the Teaching and Learning Leading Teacher to avoid unreasonable workloads for students.

## Foundation to Year 2

In the Early Years, the objective of homework is to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been introduced during class time. It is also intended to support students to become self-directed learners and

prepare them for the upper grades. Homework will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, or by parents/carer or older siblings.

### **Year 3 to Year 6**

In Years 3-6, the objective of homework is to build on the concepts of self-directed learning and initiative to prepare students for secondary school. Assigned homework tasks may include daily tasks associated with numeracy and literacy; including revision, incomplete class work and investigative tasks where necessary.

### **Years 7 to 9**

Homework tasks at these year levels may include daily independent reading, extended classwork, projects, essays, exercises and research.

Generally, students will be expected to spend between 45 to 90 minutes per day on homework tasks. Some tasks may be assigned to be completed during weekends and in the school holidays.

### **Years 10 to 12**

Generally, students can expect homework tasks in these year levels to increase and to take into account the expected level of independence and initiative of students.

At Year 11 and Year 12, students are expected to spend an increased amount of time completing homework tasks in preparation for VCE, VM and VPC.

Students can expect to spend between 1 to 3 hours of homework per weeknight, and further study on weekends during assessment periods.

### **Shared expectations and responsibilities**

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers. In order to get the most out of homework tasks, it is important that everyone understands their obligations and responsibilities.

Edenhope College will support students by:

- fostering lifelong learning and connecting families with the learning of their children, as part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian schools
- ensuring the school's homework policy is relevant to the needs of students
- making this homework policy available on the College's web page
- encouraging students to use homework diaries to provide regular communication between parents and the school.

It is expected that teachers will:

- equip students with the skills to solve problems
- encourage real-life problem solving, logical thinking, creativity and imagination
- set varied, challenging and meaningful tasks related to class work, to suit the students' learning needs
- give students enough time to complete homework, considering home obligations and extracurricular activities
- assess homework and provide timely and practical feedback and support
- help students develop organisational and time-management skills
- develop strategies within the school to support parents/carers becoming active partners in homework
- offer a wide range of opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning
- It is expected that students will take responsibility for their own learning by:
  - being aware of the school's homework policy
  - discussing with their parents/carers homework expectations
  - accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
  - following up on comments made by teachers
  - seeking assistance when difficulties arise
  - organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities and part-time employment.

It is expected that parents/carers will support their children by:

- developing a positive and productive approach to homework
- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational activities
- reading to them, talking with them and involving them in learning opportunities during everyday household routines and physical activity
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- attending the school events, productions or displays their child is involved in
- ensuring students keep a homework diary
- linking homework and other learning activities to the families' culture, history and language, linking with relevant services, clubs, associations and community
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for students to complete their homework tasks

### **Support for students, parents and carers**

Teachers at Edenhope College understand that students have different learning styles and interests, and may approach learning activities and homework differently.

If you are concerned that your child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set for them, or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage you to speak to your child's Classroom Teacher, Home Group Teacher and/or Sub-School Coordinator.

We recommend families contact the school to gain work for students if they are going to be absent or students have to catch up on work missed while absent.

Students who may benefit from support completing their homework tasks are encouraged to attend the homework support class on Tuesday/Thursday lunchtimes at 1pm – 1.20pm in IT1.

## Approval and review

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