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## HOMEWORK POLICY

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Review:

“An inclusive learning community living out Gospel values”

“Homework is not an optional extra, but an essential part of a good education.” – 1999 White paper, Excellence in schools.

Trinity Catholic College believe that Homework plays an important part in school life. It allows pupils to become more confident in their own abilities. Homework provides more opportunities for pupils to develop their continuous learning and demonstrate new skills.

It also gives pupils the opportunities to:

- ❖ Show their progress and understanding of work completed outside of the class room
- ❖ An opportunity to work independently
- ❖ Work in their preferred learning style
- ❖ Develop research skills
- ❖ Consolidate and extend work covered in class
- ❖ Prepare for new topics
- ❖ Revise for exams and assessments

### **Department homework policy**

All departments have a homework policy, detailing:

- ❖ When homework will be set
- ❖ How much homework should be set
- ❖ Department incentives
- ❖ Sanctions for not handing in homework.

### **Homework tasks can be:**

- ❖ Research
- ❖ Revision
- ❖ Independent learning
- ❖ Reading
- ❖ Drawing
- ❖ Consolidation of work covered in class
- ❖ Using ICT
- ❖ Interviews
- ❖ Completion of coursework and assignments started in class
- ❖ Past exam papers

## **Responsibilities**

### **The role of the pupil**

- ❖ To listen to homework instructions in class and if it is not clear ask for the task to be explained again
- ❖ To copy down the instructions for the task and the completion date in their planner
- ❖ To ensure that homework is completed to the highest standard and handed in on time
- ❖ To attempt every piece of homework
- ❖ To speak to the class teacher if there are any problems with the task before homework is due.

### **The role of the class teacher**

- ❖ Give full and clear instructions
- ❖ Mark and return homework promptly
- ❖ Set realistic deadlines to ensure quality homework is completed
- ❖ Provide any additional help and support where needed
- ❖ Ensure homework is recorded in their planners.

### **The role of the parents**

- ❖ Check and sign homework planners on a weekly basis
- ❖ Inform the school with information about any problems through the student planner
- ❖ Encourage pupils to discuss homework that they have been given

## **Sanctions**

1. Failure to submit homework results in an immediate break/lunch detention the same/next day with the class teacher followed by an after school detention with the class teacher within 2/3 days if it is still not done.
  
2. Failure to attend detention results in an after school detention with the CTL within 4/5 days. A department homework report may also be introduced.

3. Failure to attend CTL detention results in referral to PTL detention within 6/7 days. A pastoral homework report may also be introduced. Failure to attend PTL detention would result in parents being invited into school to discuss this matter further.

**Students will receive regular feedback on homework submitted; this will enable pupils to make outstanding progress. Rewards for successful homework include: merits, postcards home and reward vouchers.**