

CANTERBURY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale - At CGHS, we have established mechanisms to monitor the amount of homework across all subjects to ensure that students' workloads are manageable and that homework is meaningful. Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for practicing, extending and consolidating work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Additionally, it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline.

Policy statement - We hope to achieve teaching and learning practice that considers the **quality** and **manageability** of homework. This policy aims to ensure that homework tasks will be assigned by teachers with a specific, explicit learning purpose. On completion, teachers will acknowledge student effort and provide feedback related to student learning. Teachers will ensure that the quantity of homework will be manageable, ensure quality and will provide feedback to students on completion. Homework will be educationally beneficial and will meet the realistic expectations of students, teachers, parents and caregivers. No Homework and/or Assessment tasks will be set for the Holiday period.

Implementation

Responsibilities

Teachers:

- Implement the school's Homework Policy
- Communicate the purpose, benefits and expectations of homework to students and parents/caregivers
- Acknowledge student effort in completing homework and provide timely and relevant feedback on achievement
- Ensure resources and materials are easily accessible for students
- Support students having difficulties with homework
- Discuss with students and parents/caregivers any developing issues regarding a student's homework.
- Discuss homework practices with colleagues.

Parents/caregivers:

- Acknowledge that workloads will increase and decrease at various times.
- Discuss with student their progress and any developing issues regarding a student's homework manageability.
- Support student if they are having difficulties with homework by encouraging them to communicate with the relevant classroom teacher.
- Communicate with the relevant Head Teacher if concerns continue after contact by student is made with classroom teacher.

Students:

- Ensure resources and materials are accessed
- Ensure a study timetable is generated to manage workload
- Communicate with the relevant classroom teacher if there are concerns or if student is having difficulties with homework.
- Communicate with parent/caregiver if the student is having difficulties with homework.

Stage requirements:

Homework for Years 7-8 - In Years 7-8, homework may be set across the curriculum. Homework may include regular tasks, assignments that require investigation and preparation for examinations.

Our staff will support students to develop time management skills, guide them to become more independent learners and ensure their workloads are manageable as we recognise that this is particularly important for those Year 7 students who are transitioning to high school.

No homework and/or Assessment Tasks will be set across the school holiday period.

Homework for Years 9-10 - In Years 9-10, homework may be set on a regular basis across the curriculum. Homework might include practice that complements work learnt in class, assignments, as well as preparing for assessment tasks and studying for exams. Homework will be differentiated for the Academic stream.

Our staff will continue supporting students to develop their time management and study skills and encourage independent work and their transition to become successful Stage 6 learners.

Homework for Years 11-12

In Years 11-12, homework will be expected to be completed independently. Homework may be set in all subjects, and students may be required to prepare for assessment tasks and study for exams.

Times will vary according to learning needs and individual study programs.

Monitoring, evaluation and review - Mechanisms to plan and monitor the amount of homework given to students across all subjects will be conducted through school and faculty processes including assessment schedules, scope and sequences and ongoing collaborative teaching practices.