



CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE
CAROLINE SPRINGS

HOMEWORK POLICY

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Homework Policy and Guidelines

Rationale and Policy Statement

Homework is an extension of student learning in the classroom and is designed to be a meaningful experience. Homework can reinforce skills and knowledge, strengthen long-term understanding of a topic and develop lifelong study skills. Homework also provides an opportunity for families to be involved in their child's learning. The setting of homework considers the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle, with sufficient time for family, recreation, community and cultural pursuits.

Scripture

Proverbs 16:3

'Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established'.

Roles and Responsibilities

Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs supports our students by:

- ensuring the school's homework policy is relevant to the needs of students
- advising parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and making a copy of the homework policy available
- ensuring students are aware of how to access homework on SEQTA Learn.

Parents/carers support students by:

- developing a positive approach to homework
- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational activities
- talking to teachers about concerns they have about assigned homework
- attending school events their child is involved in
- discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home, and linking it to previous experiences
- linking homework and other learning activities to the families' culture, history and language, linking with relevant services, clubs, associations and community groups.

Students take responsibility for their own learning by:

- being aware of the school's homework policy
- discussing with their parents or carers homework expectations
- accepting responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames
- following up on comments and feedback provided 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
- checking SEQTA Learn for homework.

Homework Guidelines Junior School

In Years 7 & 8, homework may be set across the curriculum. The type of homework set across subjects can vary widely, encompassing not only the completion of assignments but also other related tasks. These may include (but are not limited to):

Reading Tasks:	Reading (chapters or excerpts) within novels
Written Tasks:	Reports (including scientific practical reports) Writing an orientation for a creative writing task
Research Tasks:	Research projects (finding four sources of information)
Practice Tasks:	Practising times tables Practising words and phrases for language classes Playing a musical instrument
Revision Tasks:	Revising notes for tests Revising for exams (Year 8 only)

Recommended Homework Time

Year 7	Year 8
As a guide students may receive up to five hours balanced over the week.	As a guide students may receive up to six hours balanced over the week..

Senior School

In Years 9 & 10, homework may be set on a regular basis across the curriculum. The type of homework set across subjects can vary widely, encompassing not only the completion of assignments but also other related tasks. These may include (but are not limited to):

Reading Tasks:	Reading (multiple chapters or excerpts) within novels Reading and analysing an article
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Written Tasks:	Writing body paragraphs
Research Tasks:	Research projects Case study analyses
Practice Tasks:	Set Math exercises
Test & Exam Preparation:	Creation of notes & flashcards Practice test and exam questions

Recommended Homework Time

Year 9	Year 10
As a guide students may receive up to 8 hours balanced over the week . Homework loads will vary during different times of the year.	As a guide students may receive up to 10 hours balanced over the week . Homework loads will vary during different times of the year.

VCE/VET

Students may receive up to **one hour of homework after each scheduled lesson**. During holiday periods, students may be expected to work on assignments or complete preparatory or practice homework. Homework loads will vary during different times of the year. Students undertaking VET courses at Catholic Regional College Sydenham are advised to refer to Catholic Regional College Sydenham Student Handbook.

Monitoring Homework

When assigned, homework is entered into SEQTA, visible to students and parents/carers. Additionally, for Year 7 homerooms, homework will be written on the classroom homework whiteboard where teachers can visibly monitor and adjust the homework workload of the homeroom.

Where a parent/carer is concerned that a student is overwhelmed with homework requirements, they are advised to contact the subject teacher setting the homework.

Term Holidays

Students may be expected to read English novels, collect materials or conduct minimal preparatory work. The College acknowledges that Term holidays create an important



opportunity for students to spend time with family and friends and participate in extracurricular activities.

Homework Non-Completion

Completing homework in a timely manner is a College expectation. Where homework non-completion is a common occurrence, subject teachers will contact parents/carers to discuss the issue.

Student Success Programs

Homework support sessions are available to all students to assist with general homework and coursework. Specialised Maths Support and English Support sessions are also available to all students. Student Success Programs are optional, and students may participate as needed, without prior registration.

Students With Additional Needs

Subject teachers who set homework will adjust homework expectations for students whose learning is supported by a Professional Learning Plan or by permission for adjustments.

Appropriate Space

Homework should be completed at a workstation that is quiet, has good light, is free from distractions and has required resources in reach.

References

Victoria State Government. (2025, February 6) "Homework": *Homework is an important part of your child's learning*. <https://www.vic.gov.au/homework#types-of-homework>