



HOMEWORK POLICY

IT IS THE VIEW OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AND TEACHING STAFF OF MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE THAT HOMEWORK IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF EACH STUDENTS' SCHOOL DAY

- 1. Relevant homework should be set by each subject teacher on a regular basis.**
- 2. The assigned homework should be a consolidation of class work and also a reinforcement of subject themes and chapters.**
- 3. It is preferable that, the homework will also challenge the student to further investigate and research.**
- 4. The teacher must request evidence of completed homework either by collection and marking of assignment and/or probing questions on the topic under study.**
- 5. The student is required to present evidence of homework in written and/or verbal format.**
- 6. Students are required to record homework in the student diary and it is recommended that this is checked regularly by class teacher and subject teacher.**
- 7. Parents are required to be vigilant in regard to student homework diary and provide suitable conditions for the completion of homework.**
- 8. Where concerns arise in regard to the completion of homework, it is important that parents and teachers liaise with each other so that serious problems can be avoided.**
- 9. It is helpful if class teacher liaises with class to ensure that there is no overload of homework on particular nights due to timetable. Where a class teacher is of the view that there is an overload on particular nights, then subject teachers should be open to considering options which may be available.**

10. **Students should note that homework is both written and verbal and should almost always include some revision.**
11. **Homework should always be presented in a neat, legible fashion where written assignments are required.**
12. **Where learning reflection on study is required the students should respond to teachers' questioning.**
13. **Where projects are set and required to be completed within a time frame then students should adhere to that time frame.**
14. **In the event of homework not being completed as per the direction of the teaching staff, students are required to have a written explanation authorised by parent or guardian.**
15. **Where a class is supervised due to the absence of a subject teacher, then that subject should be studied during that time, i.e. this is not a time for homework or other subjects.**
16. **It is acceptable to not set homework on very rare occasions at the discretion of the teacher, e.g. as a reward for very good class performance or on a special occasion.**

Recommended Time for Homework:

- 1st Years - 1 ½ hours**
- 2nd Years - 2 hours**
- 3rd Years - 2 hours & Revision**
- T/Y - Various Projects/Assignments**
- 5th Years - 2 hours & Revision**
- 6th Years - 2 hours & Revision**