



Homework

Rationale:

- Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning
- To develop positive study habits
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning

Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to families at the commencement of each school year
- All students will be allocated homework diaries
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers
- The school's website will include additional open ended challenges that are appropriate to students of a variety of ages, which students may choose to embrace if they wish

Early Years (Prep – Year 2)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents, as set by teachers, appropriate to year level
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities
- Spelling practise
- Gathering of additional information or materials
- Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day (including Reading) and will not be set on weekends or during holiday periods.

Middle Years (Years 3–4) Senior Years (Years 5-6)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day (including Reading) and must be co-ordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload.
- Homework will not be set on weekends or during holiday periods
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as additional homework tasks

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle

This policy was last ratified by Torquay College Council in November 2017
